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British Forces Close In From East And West BIG NAVAL CLASH IN MEDITERRANEAN

Italian Battleship Gets Direct Hit

WITHIN A FEW HOURS MAY COME NEWS OF ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NAVAL ACTIONS OF THE PRESENT WAR, OF THE FIRST SERIOUS CONTACT OF BRITISH AND ITALIAN NAVAL FORCES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Except for the meagre information contained in signals from the commander-in-chief in the course of the operations, very little is known of the scale or course of the engagement.

The Commander-in-Chief's messages do, however, reveal that important elements of the Fleets are or have been in contact, and that the Italian battleship has received a direct hit from a salvo from a British capital ship.

Issue was joined, apparently in the course of yesterday afternoon, somewhere to the East of Malta, and a suggestion that operations may develop on an appreciable scale is to be found in a further disclosure by the Admiralty (quoted by Reuter) that another British force, based on Gibraltar is sweeping to the Central Mediterranean.

This force, presumably harmonising its operations with the

Fleet in the Eastern Basin of the Mediterranean, has already informed the Admiralty that it has been subjected to heavy attacks by Mussolini's bomber squadrons, and that four enemy aircraft have been shot down and destroyed and that seven others were damaged.

Turned Tail

Of the developments in the operations east of Malta little more is known, beyond the fact that soon after contact was made between the British and Italian naval forces, the Italians turned tail.

"The enemy is being pursued," announced the Commander-in-Chief, in a message which told of a direct hit upon one of the Italian battleships.

Italian Version

An Italian version of the battle is given by the Rome correspondent of the Stefani news agency.

This correspondent says Italian naval forces which were returning from escorting a convoy to a port in Cyrenaica (North Africa) yesterday encountered British naval units.

The battle began at 2.30 p.m. and raged till 9 p.m.

The correspondent says: "Numerous bomber formations in successive waves attacked the enemy ships with heavy calibre bombs."—Reuter.

35 INCHES OF RAIN ABOVE NORMAL

With another 1.18 inches of rain registered during the night, the Colony's total rainfall for the year is now 77.43 inches, 35.15 inches above normal.

The Royal Observatory reports that the typhoon is situated about 500 miles east of Manila, moving west-north-west. Pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan and a depression covers Tongking.

ROAD CAVES IN UNDER LOCAL BUS

An extraordinary incident occurred in Bonham Road last night, presumably as a result of the continuous heavy rains.

A motor-bus, No. 427, was travelling towards the University when part of the road collapsed in front of the vehicle, the near front wheel of which fell into the hole.

The hole was four feet deep but although several passengers received a shaking, no person was injured.

SEIZURE OF B.&S. VESSEL

The Japanese in Shanghai (says Reuter) announce they are filing a very strong protest over the Shengkung affair, claiming the action contradicts the spirit of the Japanese representations concerning the withdrawal of belligerent armed forces from the occupied areas.

The owners of the vessel, Butterfield and Swire, say, however, that the matter is in order as the ammunition appeared on the manifest and the ship was cleared by the Japanese authorities in Tientsin.

The Shengkung's ammunition was consigned from the French Concession in Tientsin to the French Concession in Shanghai. The vessel was detained at Wosung by the Japanese.—Reuter.

CZECHS FORM NEW AIR SQUADRONS

(Special to "China Mail")

Czechoslovak airmen who escaped from France have been

formed into squadrons in England, the Czechoslovak National Committee in London announced yesterday.—Havas.

JAPS. ARRESTED WERE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A SHORT COMMUNIQUE was released by headquarters of the Fourth U.S. Marines in Shanghai yesterday in connexion with the Japanese-American incident when 16 Japanese gendarmes were arrested.

The communique stated that many Japanese wearing civilian clothes gathered in Bubbling Well Road carrying concealed weapons, whereupon the Marines received orders to arrest them.

Some of the Japanese exhibited cards showing they were members of the Japanese Gendarmerie, but doubts were held regarding the authenticity of the cards in view of the fact that the U.S. Marine authorities, who are in charge of this sector, were not informed beforehand of the presence of these plain-clothes gendarmes.

On the arrival of Japanese gendarmerie officers at Marine headquarters, the arrested men were released.

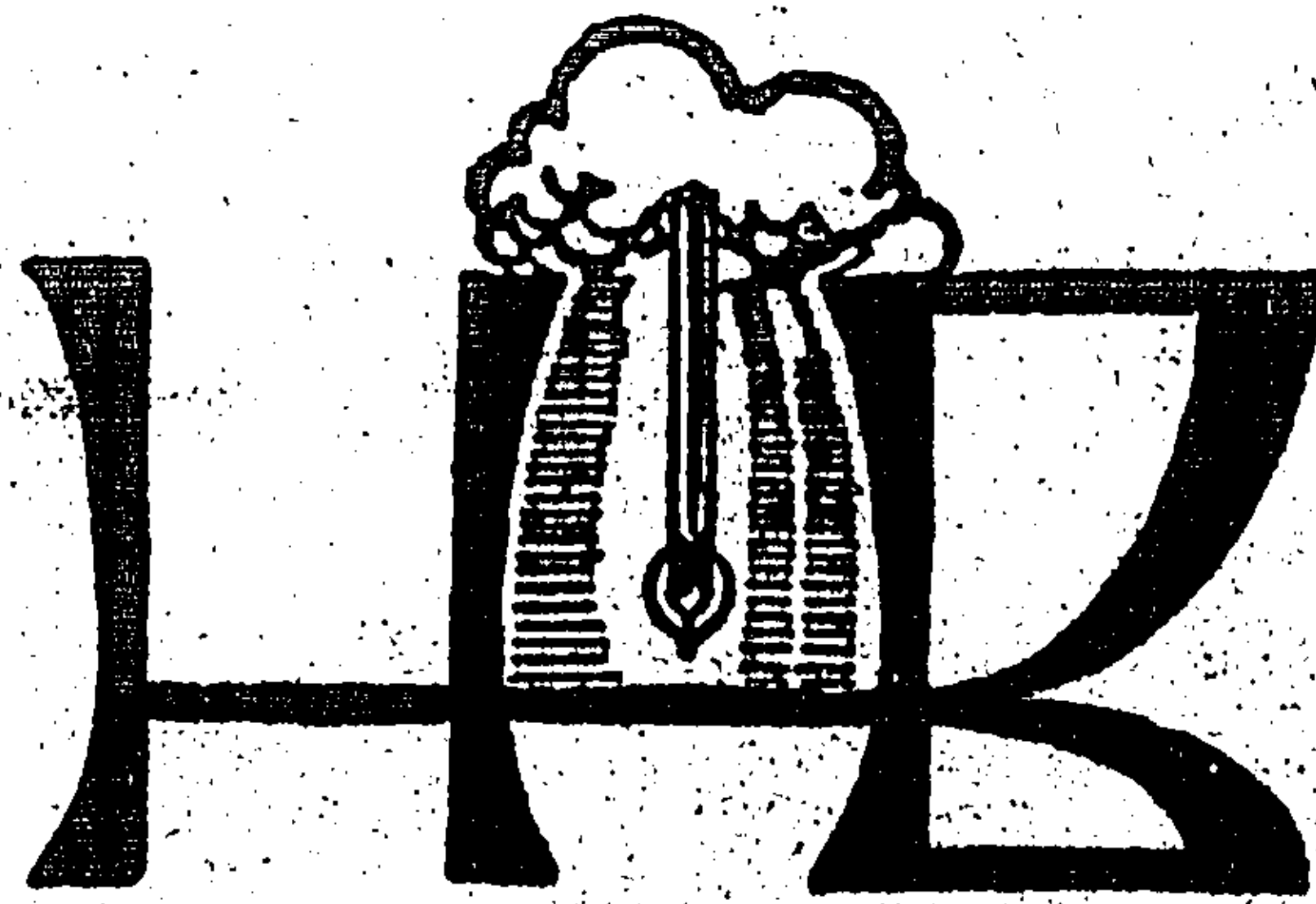
The communique concludes by

stating that General Miura, commander of the Japanese gendarmerie, arrived later at Marine headquarters and expressed regrets at the incident.

He said the Marines had not been notified by accident and gave assurances the incident would not recur.

Later in the afternoon the Japanese army spokesman told the press the action of the U.S. Marines was "an insult to the Japanese Army."—Havas.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Mr. Alexander's Story Of Dakar Drama DARING NAVAL EXPLOIT

Richelieu No Longer An Immediate Peril

THE STORY OF HOW THE GREAT FRENCH BATTLESHIP RICHELIEU WAS PUT OUT OF ACTION BY DEPTH CHARGES AND AIR ATTACKS WAS TOLD IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY.

The 35,000-ton battleship Richelieu lay at anchor in Dakar, French West Africa. She had just been completed and was the most formidable warship in the world available for active operations.

The British Government decided that steps must be taken to ensure that she did not fall into enemy hands in a condition in which she could be used against us. A force was sent to Dakar, with orders to present to the French Admiral there proposals similar to those presented at Oran.

Mr. Alexander, who was asked by a private notice question to make a statement on the naval situation, was received with cheers as he rose to speak.

"The House will remember," he began, "that on July 5 the Prime Minister described the painful but very necessary action we had taken the previous day to prevent units of the French fleet lying in British and North African ports from passing into enemy control."

"Since then, the Royal Navy has carried out two further operations designed to increase the security of this country against the use of French warships by the enemy."

"On July 6 a French battle-cruiser of the Dunkerque class which had been damaged and driven ashore at Oran, was attacked by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, which obtained six hits. "As a result, this powerful ship will be incapable of effective use for a very long time to come."

At Dakar

"Apart from the ships thus dealt with, there lay at Dakar, in French West Africa, the 35,000-ton French battleship Richelieu which had just been completed, was the most modern and formidable capital ship in the world and was immediately available for active operations."

"In accordance with the decision announced to the House by the Prime Minister, His Majesty's Government decided that steps must also be taken to ensure that this vessel did not fall into enemy hands in a condition in which she could be used against us."

"A force was accordingly despatched to Dakar in order to present the French admiral there with three proposals similar to those offered the French commander at Oran."

"On July 7 the flag officer entrusted with this operation sent one of his captains ahead in a sloop in order to present the terms in person."

French Threat

"On arrival, this ship was informed by the French authorities that they would open fire if she approached close to the port, and it was only after an interval that the French consented to receive this communication by signal."

Mr. Alexander here recapitulated the alternatives offered the admiral at Dakar which he thought desirable in view of the statements which were made by the French Government concerning the terms offered at Oran."

These were four in number. No satisfactory reply was received within the necessary time-limit."

"Nevertheless," continued Mr. Alexander, "the British naval flag officer in charge waited longer before carrying out his orders to use force."

No Alternative

"Finally, as it became clear the French authorities did not propose to accede to any of the British suggestions, he had no alternative but to carry out his painful duty in the early hours of July 8."

"The attack upon the Richelieu was two-fold. "A ship's boat under the command of Lt.-Comm. R. E. I. Bristow was sent into the harbour carrying depth charges. With great daring the boat successfully passed the boom defences and went alongside the port quarter of the Richelieu."

"At the right moment the depth charges were dropped close under the stern of the warship as she lay at anchor in shallow water, in order to damage her propellers and steering gear."

"The motorboat began to withdraw immediately the depth charges were dropped (laughter and cheers) but while still in the harbour she broke down and lay helpless for a time."

"The crew, however, succeeded in getting one engine running just as they were discovered, and the boat, which was pursued, managed to escape by crossing the harbour defence nets which then fouled its pursuer (laughter and cheers). "I am sure the House will join me in paying tribute to the gallantry and skill with which the operation was carried out."

Main Attack

"I think it must be obvious to the House that whoever undertook an operation like that ran the risk the whole time of blowing himself up."

"The main attack was entrusted to aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm and took place after the attack by the motorboat."

"These aircraft were successful with their torpedoes, a number of which hit the Richelieu."

"The motorboat, which was still in the harbour, witnessed the aircraft attack. They heard five explosions and then saw smoke issuing from the battleship."

"Air reconnaissance since carried out has established that the Richelieu has a list to port and is down by the stern. A large quantity of oil fuel covers the water round the ship."

"All our aircraft returned safely despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. "I would desire to pay tribute to the skill, efficiency and courage with which this action was carried out by the officers and men concerned. (cheers). "The House will appreciate the result of this painful action which we had to take."

Effective Work

"When the armistice was signed, France had eight capital ships fit to form a line of battle under present conditions."

"Three of the Bretagne and Courbet classes, have now passed under our control. One has been sunk, one badly damaged and immobilised. Of the two

BRITISH AID TO CHINA URGED

The Dean of Canterbury, speaking at the China Campaign Committee dinner in London last night, declared Britain should give assistance to China, even now.

"It would be for our own safety, as well as for moral good, to help the Chinese who are engaged in a struggle kindred to our own. "England should not give an inch to Japan in appeasement."

The dinner was attended by the Chinese and Russian Ambassadors, and Mr. Quo Tai-chi, expressing gratification at the presence of M. Malsky, said it was something more symbolic than he might be ready to admit.

Acknowledging "the great contribution Russia has made for the continuance of China's struggle," Mr. Quo said: "She has given us great material assistance, without any political conditions whatever."

Within five minutes of an appeal by the Dean of Canterbury for money for the China campaign, £36 was contributed. — Reuter.

modern battle-cruisers one has been driven ashore at Oran and will be out of action for a long time to come—if not permanently."

"The other managed, as the Prime Minister told the House, to escape and is presumed to have reached Toulon, but only after having been hit by a torpedo which will immobilise her for some time."

"The state of the Richelieu has already been described this afternoon and there remains in addition only the sister ship of the Richelieu, the Jean Bart, which will not, however, be complete for operational service for some months to come." — Reuter.

Tribute To Naval Staff

At the conclusion of his statement Mr. Alexander said: "The House will permit me to add a word of thanks to the naval staff which had to plan this recent operation immediately following the evacuation in the face of the enemy of troops and refugees totalling not less than 600,000—the greatest achievement of its kind in the history of naval operations."

"It is a remarkable tribute to the value of our sea power—a power we do not intend to lose. Rather do we intend to prevent a seaborne invasion of these islands or the escape of any marauders who otherwise dare to set foot here."

Answering a supplementary question he added: "Of course, there is no member of the Government, and certainly no officer or man in the British Fleet, who does not regret to the utmost that this action has been necessary."

The commanding officer in charge of these operations, after they were over, sent a personal signal to the French admiral expressing his regret at having had to carry out this painful duty and hoping there had been no casualties. — British Wire.

EVACUEES INCREASED BY ONE

The families of Servicemen who evacuated Hong Kong last week have increased by one!

This was revealed in a cable received yesterday from Manila announcing the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Platt, wife of Sergeant Platt, of the R.A.M.C.

It was the first birth of several expected among wives of Servicemen who left the Colony for the Philippines on July 1.

FAR EAST NAVY CLASH DENIED

THE LOCAL NAVAL AUTHORITIES THIS MORNING EMPHATICALLY DENIED THE REPORT THAT UNITS OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH FLEETS CLASHED AT KWANG CHOW WAN ON SUNDAY. "IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE," STATED THE NAVAL SPOKESMAN WHEN APPROACHED BY THE "CHINA MAIL" THIS MORNING.

GOVERNOR OF MACAO PASSES

Dr. Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao, died at 7.25 this morning after a long illness, says a Reuter telegram from the Portuguese colony.

Aged 59, Dr. Barbosa became a commanding figure in Portuguese Far Eastern affairs. He was twice a widower and is survived by a married daughter and five sons, one of whom is at present in Macao.

The local Portuguese community were shocked at the news of the death of the Macao Governor this morning.

The Portuguese flag at the Hong Kong Portuguese Consulate in the Bank of East Asia was flown at half mast immediately after the sad news was received.

Condolence messages were sent to Macao by the Consulate and Portuguese personalities.

Dr. Barbosa had just completed plans to fly to Europe for medical treatment and he was to arrive in the Colony to-day to board the Clipper for America.

Governor's Message

The following telegram was sent by the Acting Governor of Hong Kong to the British Consul Macao:—Please convey to the Government of Macao the deep sense of grief which this Colony feels in the death of Dr. Barbosa.

To me personally the loss of a friend of many years' standing is a very real sorrow.

I shall be glad if you will personally represent me at funeral and furnish a wreath in my name.

200 CHINESE REGISTER

Over 200 Chinese registered for evacuation at the offices of the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre yesterday. The majority were stranded middleclass people and included a number of women and children.

To-day is the last day for registration which will be available at the same offices between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

FREE TRADE IN EUROPE AFTER WAR —IN NAZI STYLE!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A PICTURE OF THE FUTURE economic structure of Europe should Germany win the war against Britain was given in the Tokyo newspaper "Asahi Shimbun" yesterday by Mr. Ichizo Kobayashi, chairman of the board of directors of the Tokyo Electric Light Company, who is at present in Berlin.

"Europe would return to free trade after the war not the old type free trade but one clad in new cloak. Europe's move in this direction however, would be decided by the attitude of the United States."

Mr. Kobayashi expresses the belief that Germany would demand huge indemnities amounting to eight or ten billion American dollars, about the sum Germany paid as indemnity after the last war. The Allies, who do not possess such an amount of money, would, he said, be compelled to borrow it from the United States, which would draw the sum from its 20 billion dollars gold stock, whereupon Germany with that sum in the hand would next lift her gold ban as the first step along the path of free trade. The new system of free trade would be based primarily on consideration of the interests of the State. A new capitalism would appear in Germany. Mr. Kobayashi concluded: "I wonder how this new economic system would affect the Far East." — Havas.

ALEXANDRIA AGREEMENT

The French Fleet at Alexandria which has agreed to put itself in a condition in which the ship could not put to sea, to demilitarise itself and to leave only sufficient crews on board for maintenance purposes, consisted of battleship, four cruisers, and number of other smaller ships.

The British Government is maintaining supplies and pay for maintenance crews left on board and will repatriate them at the end of the war. — Reuter.

"SPENT CARTRIDGES CAME DOWN LIKE HAIL"

Dog Fight Over S.E. Coast Town

TALKS IN TOKYO LIKELY TO CONTINUE

A short report was received in London yesterday from Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador in Japan, dealing with his talks with Mr. Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

The report is now being considered and it seems likely the Craigie-Arita talks will continue.—Reuter.

WINS D.S.O. SINCE KILLED IN ACTION

A list of R.A.F. awards issued in London yesterday includes one recipient of the D.S.O. who has since been reported killed in action.

Other decorations notified yesterday were 26 D.F.C.'s, one of whom has since been killed, and one reported missing, and 21 D.F.M.'s, one of whom has since been reported missing.

One officer decorated succeeded in making a detailed reconnaissance of the objective from 500 feet, enabling him subsequently to bomb the most vital part of the target accurately with devastating results.

Another officer led the first leaflet raid over Germany at the beginning of the war and since has been a splendid example of courage and determination.

A sergeant is decorated for locating and bombing a railway siding and trucks with 12 250-lb bombs from 600 feet. From the violent explosion that followed it was evident an ammunition train had been destroyed.—Reuter.

U.S. FLEET MAY BE MOVED TO ATLANTIC

President Roosevelt stated at his press conference in Washington yesterday that there is at present a plan to move the United States Fleet from Hawaii to the Atlantic.

The President made the statement following a conference with Admiral Richardson, commander of the Fleet, who made an unheralded flight from Hawaii to Washington.—Reuter.

PROHIBITED

The Board of Trade in London has prohibited all exports to Algeria, Tunisia and the French zone in Morocco. The order is being enforced immediately.—Reuter.

PROBLEMS OF FRENCH FINANCE

The Treasury announced in London yesterday that steps had been taken whereby sums due to persons in the sterling area by the French Government and organisations organised by the French Government in respect of goods supplied and services rendered will be paid as expeditiously as possible.—British Wireless.

Desultory Nazi Air Raids Continue

AN AIR BATTLE TOOK PLACE OVER SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, SAYS A REUTER MESSAGE FROM LONDON THIS MORNING.

As soon as the enemy aircraft crossed the coast from the north-east they were engaged by fighters out of sight in the clouds.

Rapid machine-gun bursts were frequent, and spent cartridges came down like hail over a town.

The raiders then flew westwards over another town. Here the dog-fight came into view.

British fighters had been attacking the raiders and finally drove them off to the south.

A south-west town had a daylight raid yesterday afternoon when a single bomber dropped bombs. Extent of the damage is not yet known.

Flew Low

The raider flew fairly low and was hotly attacked by guns.

Another raider at a higher altitude dropped bombs which fell in a field.

At least two were killed and a few injured in an air raid in the Welsh area yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

Nine German Raiders Over Scotland

There were more enemy raids in Eastern England and Scotland on Monday night and early yesterday morning. High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped but there was practically no damage or any casualties.

A.R.P. workers dealt efficiently with incendiary bombs which fell in one south-east town.

Nine German planes appeared over south-east Scotland yesterday morning. One plane is reported to have been so badly damaged by our defences that it is unlikely that it got home again.

Houses and a stable were damaged in a Scottish town and some windows broken. There were a few minor casualties.—Reuter.

Several Dead

There were a number of casualties, including several dead, in a raid on a south-east England town last night.

It is believed the death roll in the south-west England daylight raid yesterday was six, and several people were also treated for minor injuries.—Reuter.

Planes Shot Down

It was officially announced in London last evening that two enemy bombers and one fighter were destroyed by British fighters and one enemy fighter by anti-aircraft fire, in enemy bombing attacks on several districts in England yesterday.

The Air Ministry communique announcing this states enemy aircraft made bombing attacks in several districts.

Some damage was done to premises at a Bristol Channel port and a few casualties were caused.

Fighter aircraft and A.A. guns went into action and losses were inflicted on the enemy.—Reuter.

IRON GUARDISTS IN RUMANIA NOT SATISFIED

A FOURTH "IRON GUARD" member of the Gigirtu Cabinet has resigned, says a message from Bucharest. The other three "Iron Guard" members resigned from the Rumanian Government on Monday night.

The Rumanian Cabinet met yesterday morning and is reported to have accepted the resignation.

SINGAPORE HELD UP AS EXAMPLE

IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS TO-DAY, LORD MARCHWOOD, FORMERLY SIR GEORGE PENNY, IS TO ASK THE GOVERNMENT WHETHER THEY WILL FOLLOW THE ACTION OF THE STRAITS GOVERNMENT WHO, WHILE REALISING THE DISTRESS AND INCONVENIENCE THAT MAY POSSIBLY BE CAUSED A CERTAIN NUMBER OF INNOCENT PERSONS, HAVE DECIDED TO INTERN ALL ENEMY ALIENS, AS THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO TAKE ANY RISK IN THE PRESENT STATE OF WORLD AFFAIRS.

He will also ask if, for any reason, the British Government consider it undesirable to intern them in Britain; they will take

Political observers in the Balkans believe that M. Gigirtu will either try to fill the vacant offices or will resign, leaving the way open for a complete "Iron Guard" Government. (The "Iron Guards" are the Rumanian Nazis).

It is reported that King Carol has refused to accept any of the resignations.

The latest measures in Rumania include a decree which orders civilian mobilisation of all farm and forestry workers. Several million women, men too old to fight, and boys will also be called up to make sure of ample labour for the harvest.

There are more anti-Semitic measures, the latest being directed against newspapermen. The Rumanian Press has been informed by the Government that it will no longer tolerate Jewish directors or staffs on Rumanian newspapers.—Reuter.

steps as soon as possible to arrest and ship them wherever they will constitute the least danger to the State.—Reuter.

R.A.F. PLANES RUN GAUNTLET

The report of a bomber pilot who returned from an attack on Stavanger aerodrome was issued last evening by the Air Ministry news service. It says:

"Each of the three aircraft in my flight dropped its bombs but there was no opportunity to observe the result owing to the need to take avoiding action.

"The port aircraft of my flight had most of its rudder blown away, presumably by anti-aircraft fire.

"On leaving the target about 20 enemy aircraft were attacking. The port aircraft was shot down in flames and also the aircraft of the starboard side.

"The engine of my aircraft and the oil tank were hit by cannon fire, the engine seized and died and the airscrew dropped off. The attack by enemy aircraft lasted for over 30 minutes.

Forced Landing

"I made a forced landing when the under-carriage jammed in the "up" position. All the hydraulic system had been put out of action during the fight with the enemy.

"My air observer shot down one Messerschmidt and possibly damaged several others. The rear gunner damaged one Messerschmidt.—Reuter.

HITLER TO SPEECHIFY IN REICHSTAG

The Hungarian Prime Minister, Count Teleki, and the Foreign Minister, Count Casky, left Budapest yesterday for a short visit to Berlin, according to the German news agency.

It is understood (says a Budapest message) that Count Teleki and Count Casky will attend the meeting of the Reichstag on Thursday. It is reported that Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, will also be present.—Reuter.

COUNCIL OF LABOUR OPPOSED TO PURCHASE TAX

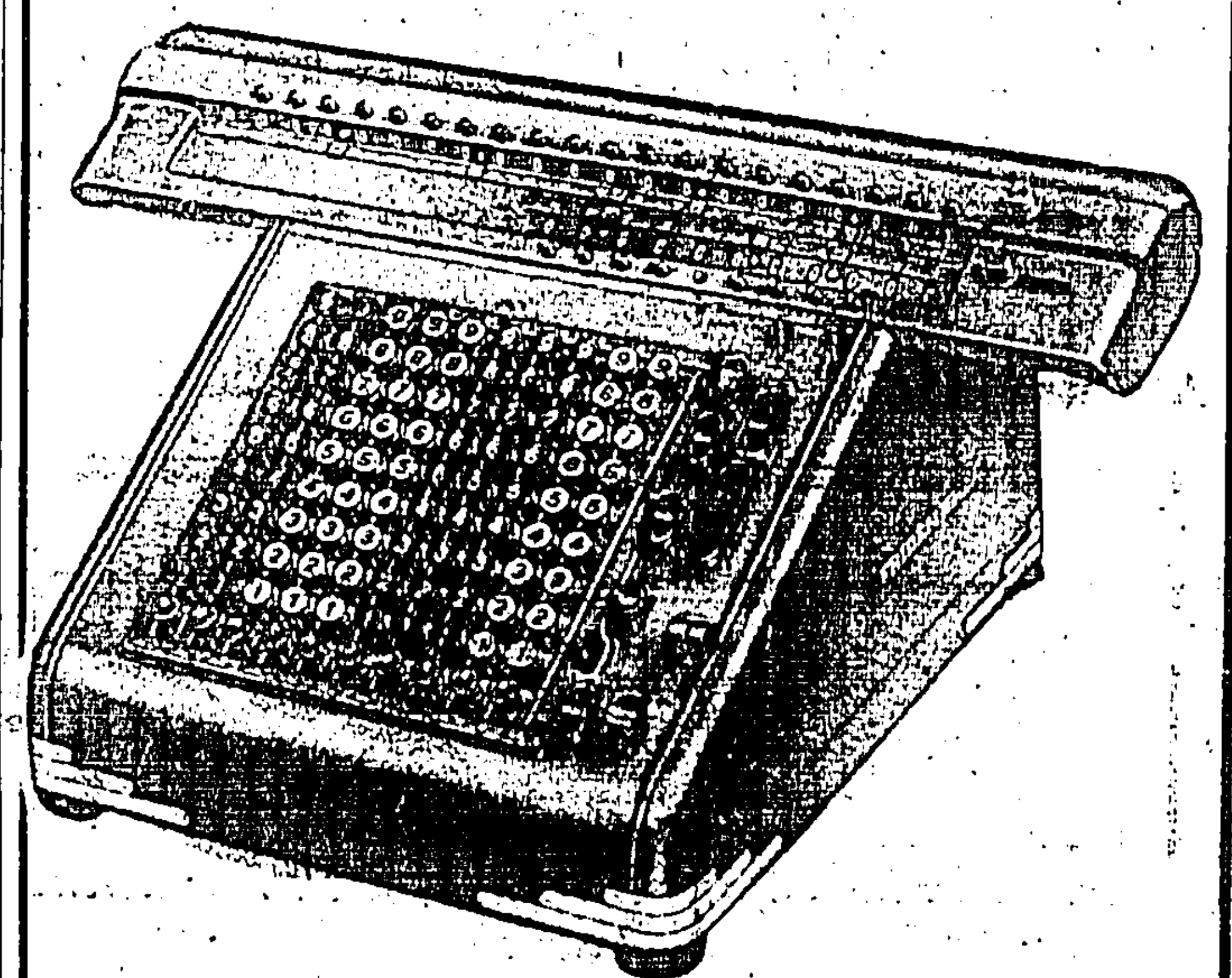
The National Council of Labour, meeting in London last night, unanimously expressed opposition to the purchase tax on the ground it would impose an unfair burden on the poorer section of the community.—Reuter.

FRENCH AT SUEZ TO EVACUATE FAMILIES

It was reported in Cairo yesterday that a circular had been sent to French members of the Suez Canal administration advising them to evacuate their families from the Canal Zone.—Reuter.

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Seven Planes Lost In Attack Upon Stavanger

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE issued in London last evening stated R.A.F. bombers made daylight attacks on concentrations of enemy barges on Dutch canals at Zwolle, Hatén and Weest, and also near Elbers and Dreft. Many barges were sunk, wrecked or set on fire.

Other aircraft bombed an enemy supply ship in the Danish harbour of Solburg.

Our bombers also attacked aerodromes in enemy occupation at Soissons and Douai. Aircraft, personnel and transport were damaged.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked and damaged enemy patrol vessels off the Danish coast. All our aircraft returned safely.

At night, R.A.F. bombers attacked the naval bases at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, where damage was done to dockyards and an enemy warship set on fire.

Further damage was done to oil refineries at Homburg and a goodsyard at Hamm.

Aerodromes at Waalhaven, Amsterdam and Brussels were also bombed. One of our aircraft is missing.

Bergen Attack

Yesterday morning a formation of our bombers attacked Bergen where an ammunition dump was set on fire and damage done to a ship and seaplane slipway.

Another formation of R.A.F. bombers attacked aircraft lined up on Sola aerodrome, Stavanger. The attack was pressed home in the face of strong opposition from enemy fighters and ground defences. One enemy fighter was shot down. Seven of our aircraft failed to return.—Reuter.

Kiel Dock Again Heavily Bombed

Further details of the R.A.F. daylight raids on German naval bases and dockyard early yesterday morning show that two enemy warships, believed to be destroyers or light cruisers, were bombed and set on fire.

The ships, which were in two groups of four, were seen at anchor past Wilhelmshaven, and though they were partially concealed by mist and protected by land and sea batteries, the British aircraft succeeded in their attack.

At Kiel, docksheds and slipways were damaged as well as a crane and jetty. One stick of bombs straddled the dock and started a fire which one pilot could still see after he had been on his homeward course for ten minutes.

An enemy supply ship was attacked near Aalborg, in Denmark, and believed to have been hit by a salvo of heavy bombs, some of which also burst on wharves in the harbour.

In the afternoon a series of raids caused considerable damage among tightly packed barges seen on a canal some miles from Zwolle. At least four were directly hit after a low level attack and two of them burst into flames.

Other barges were hit near Amsterdam, and at other points on Dutch canals groups of barges were bombed and wharves and adjoining basins struck with high explosives.—Reuter.

GERMAN CLAIM REFUTED

It is understood in London there is no truth in the German claim that twelve Bristol Blenheim bombers were shot down in the raid on Stavanger-sola aerodrome yesterday morning.—British Wireless.

THIRD TERM FOR ROOSEVELT?

President Roosevelt, at his daily press conference in Washington yesterday, parried all questions designed to draw out his views on whether he should stand for a third term as President.

Several hours earlier, Representative Sabath had stated after a talk with the President, that President Roosevelt was not a candidate for a third term but that he could not refuse "the nomination that would be given him."—Reuter.

INDIA'S BIG MILITARY EFFORT

Steps have been taken to mobilise India's resources for an unparalleled military effort, declared a senior staff officer of the Indian Army, broadcasting on India's war effort from Simla last night.

As a result of previous planning, he added, the production of ordnance and supplementary supply had been brought to such a high level that almost from the outset of the war India had provided not only the existing military forces with ample quantities of ammunition, light armament and equipment but also supplied enormous amounts of these items to the Allied forces overseas.

Furthermore, beginnings had been made on the production of numerous military requirements not previously manufactured in India, including armoured plating.

The personnel of the India Navy had been increased by nearly 200 per cent., and training establishments continue to expand rapidly.

Army Strength

Regarding the Indian Army, although thousands had been sent

BARBERS CUTTING COST TOO FINE

(Special to "China Mail")

Mukden to-day is now facing a tontorial crisis and local barbers have been compelled to appeal to the Chamber of Commerce for immediate assistance. Cause of the crisis is the shortage and high price of toilet articles and shortage of skilled labour.

Many of Mukden's barber shops are faced with the possibility of having to close unless something is done fast. While charges for haircuts, shaves, shampoos and other varieties of tontorial treatment remain stationary, prices for pomade, soap, alcohol and all essentials of the barber's trade have risen approximately 70 per cent.—Havas.

oversea adequately equipped, the strength was now greater than at the outbreak of war, apart from the recently announced expansion involving initial increases of 100,000 men and a twenty-fold increase in the number of Indian officers as compared with pre-war conditions.—Reuter.

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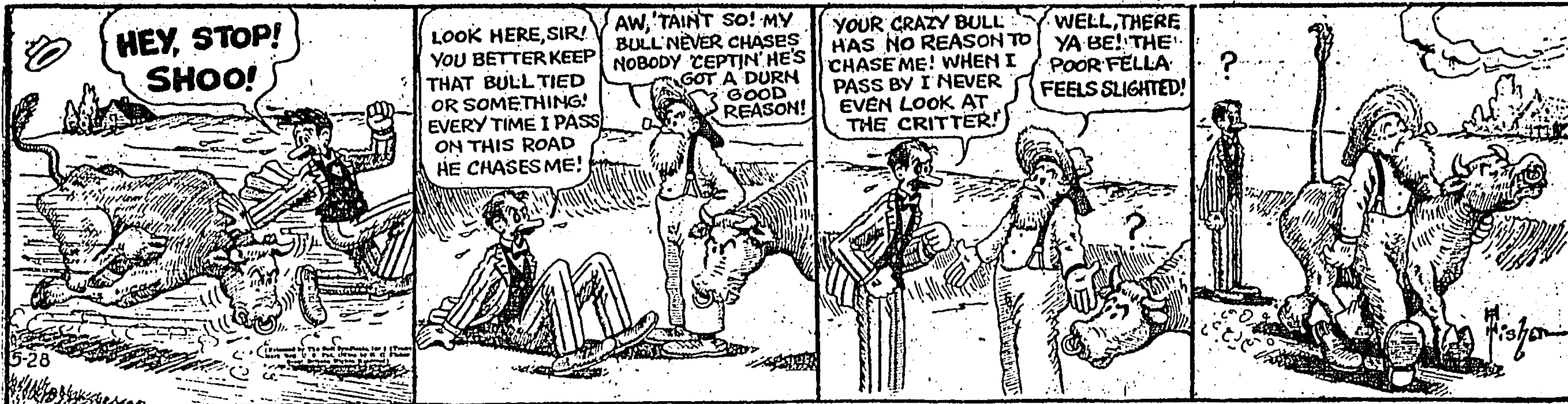
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Mansion Hospital

Princess Royal's Home, Harewood House, well known to Yorkshire visitors, is to be a hospital for war wounded.

Oxford Home Students

The Oxford Congregation has approved the nomination of the Hon. Eleanor Mary Plumer, daughter of the late Field-Marshal Viscount Plumer, as principal of the Society of Oxford Home Students, in succession to the late Miss Grace Hadow.

Undesirable

Objectors are undesirable as school teachers says a resolution passed yesterday by Devon Education Committee.



British shipyards are toiling hard to win the war. Merchant ships are now being built in seven or eight months as compared with twelve months or more in times of peace. While the ships are roomy and seaworthy, everything not strictly necessary is being eliminated. Simplicity, and hence speed of construction, is the governing factor. Photo shows a lad just out of school, but in heating rivets and running errands playing his part in the great ship-building effort. He is seen smiling cheerfully whilst at work. (Copyright, Fox).

Scotland Yard Precautions

Uniform tricks won't work at Scotland Yard, where even police officers have to prove their identity to get past the gates.

Ulster Minister Resigns

Mr. Edmond Warnock, K.C., Parliamentary Secretary to the Northern Ireland Ministry of Home Affairs, saying he felt that "Ulster's war effort was far too feeble," has announced his resignation from the Government.

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Merchant Navy's Losses

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Food First

Food first is the Government's order to agricultural workers. They must not enrol for home defence.

Higher Pay

Pay increases of one to five shillings a week go to 40,000 members of the Post Office Engineering Union under a war bonus agreement.

Co-ops Demand

Fifty shillings a week for wives of men in the forces and 10s. 6d. for each child was demanded at the annual congress of the Co-operative Women's Guild at Great Yarmouth.

Rumanian Ban

Rumania has banned all foreigners from her oil territories and from the petrol zones of the ports of Giurgiu and Constantia.

Anti-British

"The anti-British activities of an organisation calling itself Information and Policy, which holds weekly meetings... for German propaganda purposes" will be the subject of a question in the House.

Ulster Joins Up

Volunteers from Northern Ireland, numbering 10,860, have joined the British forces since September.

What Fun

British girls with the women's forces in bombed towns in France say they "wouldn't have missed it."

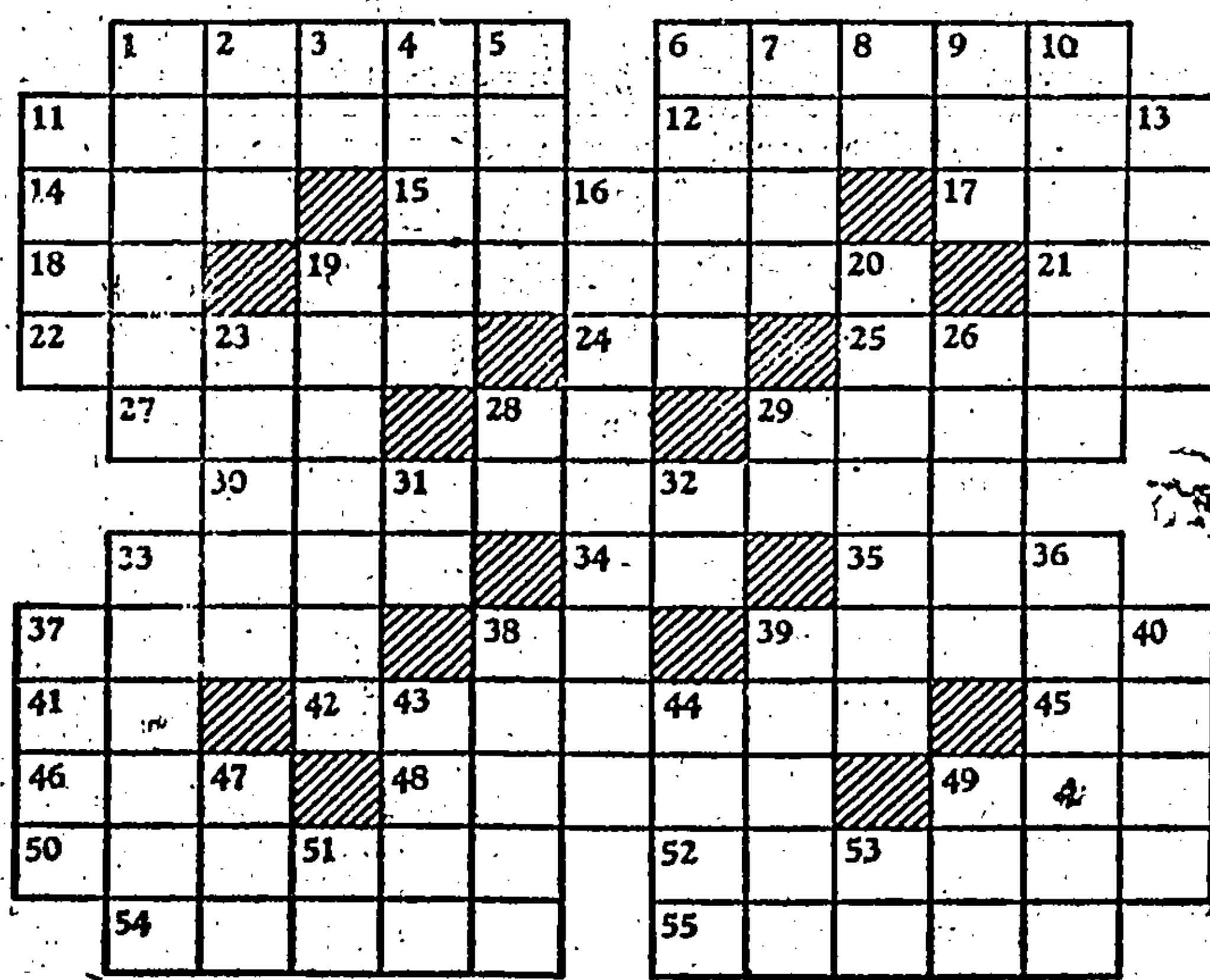
Shell Output

Work now in progress will increase Canada's shell factories from eight to fourteen, and the number of shells on order from 2,250,000 to 4,500,000.

Told Check Loose Talk

Col. S. W. L. Ashwarden, National Chairman of the British Legion, called on all members "to do everything possible to maintain morale, to keep calm, to check loose and pessimistic talk, and to spread the spirit of success and victory."

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- 22 Foreigners
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- 18 Parent
- 19 Conceded
- 21 Sloth
- 22 Separated
- 24 Toward
- 25 Seed coating
- 27 Period of time
- 28 French article
- 29 Twofold
- 30 Conveying
- 33 Jules Verne character
- 34 Mixed type
- 35 To spread for drying
- 37 Italian seaport
- 38 To leave
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- 41 Siberian river

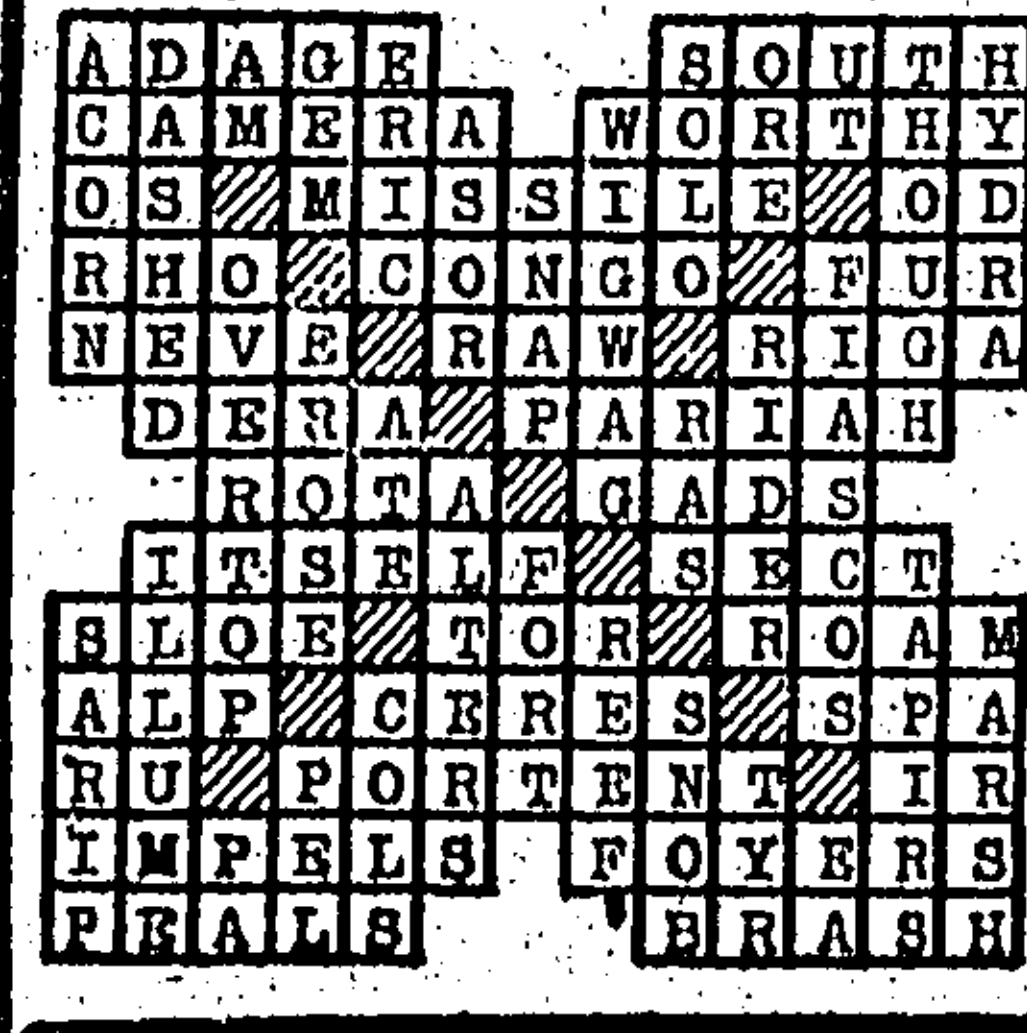
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- 4 Beginning
- 5 Web
- 6 Division of a poem

7 Toward the

- sheltered side.
- 8 Note of scale
- 9 Beverage
- 10 To require
- 11 Tibetan priest
- 13 Part of boat
- 16 To thrust in
- 19 Manner of speaking
- 20 Intimidated
- 23 Spirit of the air
- 26 Ranted
- 28 Behold!
- 29 Roman gods
- 31 Italian river
- 32 Note of scale
- 33 Lords
- 36 Injury
- 37 Needy
- 38 Spiny shrub
- 39 Pertaining to punishment
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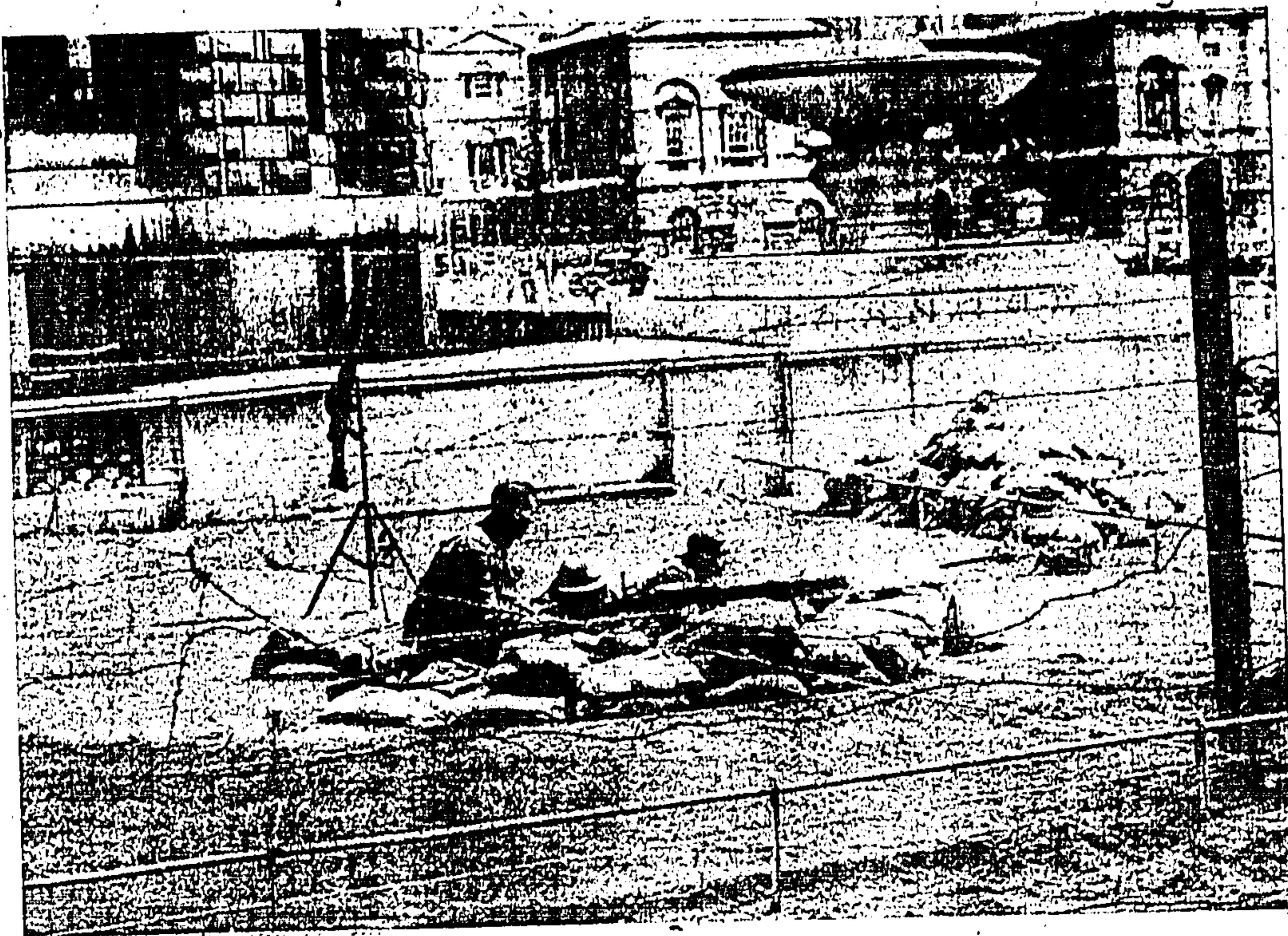
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POLICE RAID OFFICES OF ANTI-VIVISECTIONISTS

LADY ASTOR ON A "NOTORIOUS WIFE"

DETAILS OF THE energetic action which the Government is taking against potential fifth columnists, whether British or foreign, were given in the House of Commons by Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary.

Sir John mentioned a police raid on the London office of the National and Provincial Anti-Vivisection Society, of which the secretary was Mrs. Dacre-Fox (Mrs. Nora Elam), one of Mosley's lieutenants, who was arrested. He said that she was using the office of the society for British Union business.

Asked about the National Freedom League, described as an organisation engaged in pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic propaganda, and illegally publishing leaflets, Sir John said no organisation of that name had come to his notice.

He might find it was a well-known organisation masquerading under another name. He also had information about an organisation, calling itself Information and Policy, said to hold meetings for German propaganda purposes.

"WIFE MORE NOTORIOUS"

It had been under observation for some time, but it would not be right to announce beforehand what action it might be necessary to take.

Sir John said it would not be in the public interest to announce in advance what further measures will be taken against "notorious sympathisers with Nazi Germany."

Lady Astor: Is it very wise to lock up a man and leave his wife free when the wife is more notorious than the man?

When Mr. Thurtle asked whether the Savoy Hotel was not staffed by a large number of anti-British Italians and that British officers of high standing frequently dined there, Sir John replied that all these matters were under constant review.

PAIN TO RELATIVES

Mr. Thurtle also suggested that it was causing great pain to relatives of men now fighting overseas to hear members of some organisations declaring that these men are being "fooled and betrayed."

Asked what steps were being taken to apprehend members of the fifth column who may attempt to enter the country in the guise of refugees, Sir John said it would not be in the public interest to give any detailed account of the measures taken. He dealt with the internment of Category B Germans and Austrians up to the age of sixty, and Vice-Admiral Taylor asked if it would not be better to remove the age limit of sixty, as that did not automatically prohibit anyone doing harm to this country.

Sir John said the action taken so far did not represent finality.

FASCISTS RAIDED

Further action was taken against Fascists when, following the distribution of leaflets in duplicated typescript in Northampton, police raided the headquarters of the Northampton Branch of the British Union, and three persons were taken to the police station for inquiries.

A fourth man, alleged to have been the publisher of the leaflets, was also interviewed at the police station.

No person of alien nationality, whether naturalised or not is to have access to any premises occupied by the Middlesex County Council for civil defence purposes, the council decided following an incident, particulars of which were not given, at a school partly used for civil defence.

CLIPPERS DELAYED

The severe typhoon, located approximately 400 miles due east of Manila, has again delayed the China and Philippine Clippers which are now at Guam and Wake bound for Hong Kong.

The two Clippers are now scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong on Friday, July 12, and Saturday, July 13, departing for Manila the following day.

The severity of the approaching typhoon is evidenced by great concern in the Philippines, as to the track it will take in crossing the islands.

The Honolulu Clipper departed from San Francisco this morning Hong Kong bound, and is scheduled to arrive here on Tuesday, July 16.

PANAMA JITTERS

The United States are reported to be taking extraordinary precautions for the safety of the Panama Canal.

The minefields laid at both entrances a week ago were reported last night to have been considerably extended.

BRAWL IN NATHAN RD.

AS THE RESULT OF A BRAWL IN NATHAN ROAD NEAR THE ALHAMBRA THEATRE LAST NIGHT, FOUR MEN, INCLUDING TWO INDIANS, WERE ADMITTED TO THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL THEIR CONDITION IS NOT SERIOUS.

Buda Singh (Police Constable No. 514) and Dalip Singh (Private watchman employed at the Kowloon Docks) entered the Indian Curry Shop in Nathan Road, near the Alhambra Theatre at about 10.30 p.m. last night. Dalip Singh had a hockey stick with him.

After being served with their order, the two Indians took out, it is alleged, a bottle of liquor. They were, however, prevented from drinking by the manager of the shop who pointed out that it was against the condition of his licence.

The Indians, it is alleged, then left the shop without paying for the food they had ordered.

The foks attempted to prevent them from leaving and as a result a fight occurred.

More foks joined the fight and Dalip, it is alleged, then used the hockey stick while one Chinese picked up a bamboo pole and struck at Dalip.

The two Indians, one of the foks, and a passer-by, were hurt and taken to hospital.

LIGHTER CAPSIZES

Caught in a squall a cargo lighter, No. 2581Y, overturned and sank off The Sun Company's Wharf in Kennedy Town at 9 p.m. on Tuesday. The cargo consisting of 740 bags of rice was thrown into the harbour. The lighter was salvaged yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. J. J. Edgar, of No. 9, York Road, Kowloon Tong, reports that a clock valued at \$35 was stolen from her residence yesterday.

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WITHOUT RESPECT

"We must not deceive ourselves," Moltke reported to Berlin on the eve of the Battle of the Marne. "We have had successes, but we have not yet had victory." That, without depreciation of Hitler's astounding achievements, may fairly be said to be the position of the German's to-day.

We must not count upon a repetition of the blunders which caused Moltke to be superseded in 1914, and we cannot to-day expect another miracle of the Marne. Things have passed that stage. The triumphs which eluded the Kaiser when they seemed to be within his grasp are already Hitler's. He is in Paris. The whole of the Channel ports are in his hands.

Between Britain and disaster, however, there still lies the Channel and the North Sea and it remains essentially true that despite the tragedy of the French collapse, Hitler still has far to go to reap the victory.

Surrender of King Leopold and then of Marshal Petain, "the victor of Verdun," the overrunning of vast territories—in all these ways and at three times the speed, history has tragically repeated itself after 25 years. And this time "the Hun is at the gate" in circumstances which carry more meaning to Britons than has such a threat ever before.

It makes gratifying reading, therefore, to be assured that the B.E.F., after the staggering dislocation caused by the withdrawal from Dunkirk and then again after the tremendous effort to bring the maximum possible assistance to France for the Battle of the Somme, has been completely reorganised and re-equipped and is ready for the worst threat that Hitler can bring to bear against the British Isles.

That, and the announcement that the step which will complete the mobilisation of industry for the war effort is about to be taken, should give us the fullest confidence. For there is only one thing that can beat us, and that is ourselves.

To avoid that self-immolation, we must use our best men and to the fullest advantage, without respect to previous custom or the established rules. We can match "organisation with organisation, iron with iron," but only



BRITISH CAVALRY TANKS EXERCISE—The mobility of the British modern light tank is well-known. They are able to operate over the roughest of country and extricate themselves in an amazing manner from all sorts of seemingly impossible positions. They are now being turned out in increasing numbers as a "welcome" to Herr Hitler. (Copyright, Fox).

Rags To Patches

There was a time you would have had to take even an American Congressman aside and explain this thing to him. And perhaps state it in personal terms—with a put-yourself-in-these-shoes argument—to convince him that the American State Department could use more money usefully.

You would have said: "Suppose, Mr. Congressman, that you were appointed to represent your country abroad. Are you a rich man? Well, then, what would you do on perhaps a quarter of the money that some other Governments allow their representatives in the United States?" And he might have said: "I'd live within my means. I'd take a small apartment and put on no airs. I'd do it the American way, and let others take me as they found me."

But would he? And if he did, would his representation abroad be worth even the limited amount that his Government spent to send him and maintain him there? And would he be truly representative of the "American way?" These are questions you would have had to thresh out with him.

To-day it is not so necessary to convince Congress that the United States' foreign representatives need adequate funds to carry out their functions properly and profitably. It is recognised at the State Department, even emphasised, that the political parsimony with which the Department had once to contend has given way to notable improvement in the situation of the United States' diplomatic corps. Yet in at least two sections of the diplomatic service inadequate financial provision hampers the most desirable development of this service.

These two sections are the highest bracket and the lowest bracket—the Ambassadorships in the world's chief capitals such as London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, and the minor positions in less important cities, consular assistants, clerks and so forth.

The American Ambassador to the Court of St. James's has to keep up with the London Joneses on scarcely more than a fourth of the means at the disposal of the British Ambassador to Washington. State Department officials point out by way of illustration.

At the other end of the diplomatic scale are the members of the clerical staff of the Foreign Service who have never made the unpatriotic mistake of Edward Everett Hale's "man without a country," but yet experience Philip Nolan's inability to return to their native land. Their incomes hardly permit them to save

on that basis and only with readiness to scrap accepted methods—of which the panicky evacuation of Hong Kong is one.

The Prime Minister, and Mr. Bevin, have given us the vigour of action in the primary field. If it is reflected in vigour of action and intelligence in the others, we can sleep easily. Outside that, we can but hope for the best.

enough money for trans-oceanic travel, and there are as yet provided no allowances to make possible proper periodic visits to the United States.

One result is that many a male worker never again sees "the girl he left behind him." He marries into a foreign family and becomes even more Anglo- or Franco- or Italophile than he otherwise would. Perhaps this is not entirely disadvantageous to the service or to the cause of world understanding, but its disclosure may

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nevertheless enlist young American womanhood in the cause of adequate travel allowances for these workers.

Though, to-day, happily, the story is no longer one of "diplomacy in rags," it still is one of diplomacy often in patches. But nowadays the average citizen rather than the Congressman needs the talking-to on this matter, say the gentlemen behind the white shutter-like doors that open off the almost too venerable corridors of the State Department

building. When the people know why their diplomatic service needs more support, the service will get it. Legislative opinion is still responsive to public opinion in the land whose capital is Washington. This can be judged from the pressures that develop whenever national economy measures begin to threaten some sectional interest.

The counterpart of the Congressman of yesterday, who had to be told is many an American citizen who does not yet comprehend the part that social obligation plays in the sphere of diplomacy. This voter still thinks that if he were sent abroad he would manage to do his job without expensive entertainment.

He does not realize that an Ambassador to an important capital may find himself the recipient of such courtesies as cannot be repaid without great expense—possibly fifty or sixty dinners or other social events, many of them in his honour, within the first ninety days of his stay. The citizen may have to be reminded that unless such obligations can be repaid, they can hardly be accepted, and that refusal of them may lead

to all sorts of political as well as social misunderstandings.

Thus the person who accepts a diplomatic appointment must either be assured of sufficient appropriations to cover his needs, or must be in a position to supplement his Government's provision out of his private pocketbook. A result of inadequate provision in the American service is to make the appointment of an Ambassador contingent on wealth as well as ability, and sometimes more contingent on the former than the latter. Many a person with a wealth of tact, education, insight and moral courage must consider the shortness of his money purse when considering a diplomatic career. Democracy has therefore a hurdle to jump before it really can set the pace for ability in the foreign service.

While recognising vast improvement, both in the service and in the financial provisions for it, State Department officials see opportunity for further gains. Both in the case of subordinates in minor posts and in the case of Ambassadors to the most important capitals, these advances would seem appropriate in a diplomatic service dedicated to the maintenance of democratic prestige.

Golden Banners

Logically, I should have stayed home and helped with the spring work instead of going for flowers. The mellow black loam of the garden plot had been plowed and warmed by three full days of May sunshine. It was high time the peas and carrots were planted, for already the potatoes had pushed their fuzzy tops through the ground and the winter rye had been in head for a week past.

But, after all, this was May 8—a most important occasion in our household. It was father's birthday!

Father was particularly fond of the golden banner which came in blossom during the first week of May and in our section of Western Dakota was found in only one small area, two miles from our homestead. For more years than I could remember, mother and I had always arranged, as a special surprise, to have a big bouquet of the yellow blossoms on his birthday, dinner table.

Immediately after breakfast I slipped from the house and down through the orchard, using every care that my departure be unobserved, so the surprise would be complete.

It was pleasant in the orchard. The last plum blossoms had fallen and tiny green leaves were bursting from the naked limbs. The late apples were white with bloom and the Norway poplars had leaves the size of a cat's ear.

My path led past the stock dam. A pair of mallard ducks flew out of the cat-tails and a mild hen dove hastily at my approach. Great schools of tadpoles and baby fish lay in the sun-warmed shallows at the upper end of this dam and water skaters sported over the surface. The pussy willows were thronged with red-winged

blackbirds whose flute-like song filled the air. One handsome fellow and his mate were especially nervous and hovered closely over my head, scolding and threatening all sorts of dire consequences unless I took my immediate departure.

They should have known better than warn a twelve-year-old prairie girl in such fashion!

Hastily removing shoes and stockings, I lifted my skirts and waded into the tules where I found the nest—a dainty grass pouch suspended from the reeds. In it were four blue eggs, speckled with black and maroon. My feet sank deeply in the soft, cold ooze which made little sucking ooze which made little sucking

Leaving the dam my trail led on through the upper pasture where the slopes were waving green seas of prairie grass. The white-faced cattle were sleek and fat. Meadow larks sang from every fence post and occasionally I came across little grass nests where baby horned larks awaited their parents' return with ever-open, ever-expectant beaks.

At last I had climbed the buttes and was approaching the boundary fence which divided the fertile homestead lands of my father from the vast, unpeopled sweeps of the open range. To us it wasn't just a fence. We saw it as the advanced guard of a New Empire; one which marked the coming of civilization, of homes and promise. Beyond it lay the old, untamed West—cattle country and freedom, the prairie primeval.

To me it was the thrill supreme to reach this dividing line at the very summit of the ridge. Not banners meant another spring would I let my gaze sweep over the wide expanse of prairie before me, the same then as when I was a child, before—not a house nor tree, neither trail nor tree, only GER.

rolling hills and far down in the green valley, a silvery ribbon where the creek wound its way. Beyond the creek there were wild breaks and arroyos and low across the northern horizon stretched the mysterious purple haze of the Black Hills.

My downward trail led through a busy settlement of prairie dogs which sat stiffly erect by their holes and barked shrilly as I passed. A great, long-eared jackrabbit sprang from the sheltering grass and loped away. A gray coyote trotted along the ridge, all unmindful of my presence. There was the pungent, spicy smell of sage in the air.

I swung over the ridge into a protected valley where bluebells grew largest and where the edges of waterholes were each spring bordered by the soft, orchid tones of the Dakota lily. At last I sighted the golden banners—acres upon acres of them. In this sheltered valley the south wind was tempered to a bare whisper and blowing over the knee-deep yellow carpet carried the soft, sweet fragrance far across the range.

The goal had been gained all too soon, for the sky was so blue, the air so clear, the morning so big and beautiful in this grand new world.

That evening, with the radiant blossoms shedding their glory over father's birthday dinner, I asked why he loved this particular flower so well.

He said I probably wouldn't understand but to him they were emblems of promise, for no matter how long or disheartening the winter, unfurling of the golden banners meant another spring. Not banners meant another spring filled with hope and faith and strength for a brave, new beginning. They seemed to him to symbolize the prairie people themselves. — NELL MURBAR, —



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SWEDEN CRITICISES FRENCH NAVAL DECISION

IN SPITE OF ENGLAND'S reasonable terms regarding the surrender of the French fleet, the French Government chose to help the Axis, declared the "Dagens-Nyheter" of Stockholm, in a leading article yesterday.

England was compelled to use force. It was not an action against France but against Germany and the decision was reached by united English opinion.

CHANNEL ISLANDS DECISION CRITICISED

Replying in the House of Lords yesterday to criticisms regarding the evacuation of the Channel Islands, Sir John Simon, the Lord Chancellor, said:

"This lamentable and distressing event was a totally isolated case due to the geographical position of the islands close to the shores of France."

It did not form any sort of precedent for any part of the United Kingdom, and Government had no intention of abandoning any fortified position in any of the Dominions or the United Kingdom.

The Bailiffs of Jersey and Guernsey were continuing to carry on to the best of their power the civil administration for which they are responsible.

If by withdrawing from the islands the small garrison, these people were freed from terrible, continuous air bombardment, it would be a small compensation for the loss and distress they felt at the temporary separation from their homes."

"I trust the day is not far distant when we may have among our triumphs the supreme satisfaction of seeing that these good people are returned to their homes."—Reuter.

Influential quarters in America are reported to uphold this decision for America realises the outcome of the war is of supreme importance to her.

In Chicago yesterday, the "Daily News" says that to save its French ally, Britain had done all it could.

It had sent an expeditionary force, placed it under the French command, thereby making it subject to French errors. It had used a strong portion of its air force in the battle in France.

And when France, by her own mistakes, was broken, Britain offered to join her Empire with France and continue the struggle from the British Isles, the Dominions and French and British colonies. She even offered to release France from the pledge not to make a separate peace if France turned over the fleet.

Craven Government

France, or rather not France but the craven government formed in France's name, refused.

In self-defence, deserted and alone, what other course had Britain but to act,

By this action Britain has greatly strengthened its position in the minds and hearts of Americans.—Reuter.

U.S. BOND ISSUE

The United States Treasury is issuing \$650,000,000 worth of 2 1/4 per cent. bonds to-day (Wednesday) when maturities and other details will be disclosed, says Reuter from New York.

The issue will raise the Federal Debt to a new high level of \$43,700,000,000, or within \$1,300,000,000 of the borrowing power available for non-military expenses.—Reuter.

BRITAIN TO PAY FRENCH NAVY MEN

The British Government have guaranteed the supplies and pay of French crews from warships in Alexandria and also their return to France at the end of the war, says an official statement issued in Alexandria yesterday on the demilitarisation of the French warships.

This was how matters stood at present, added the statement, and it is hoped these conditions may continue.

In the Eastern Mediterranean the terrible events of which we all know have been avoided and the best hope is that our good relations in Alexandria may continue as before.

Our only wish throughout has been to make sure that the Italians and Germans should not possess French ships in order to use them against the British who are still fighting on to defeat Germany and Italy and to re-establish France.—Reuter.

BRITAIN WILL HOLD HITLER

Broadcasting over the B.B.C. to Americans last night, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, said: "Our confidence in our ability not merely to hold off the Nazi attack but ultimately to master it, is partly a measure of our confidence in America's readiness to add her great resources to our own for the destruction of that which menaces her no less surely."

"We are inspired by the sight of an America awake and preparing."

"Against the material strength of the European continent organised for aggression, there is only one sure industrial counter-poise, and that is to be found in the capacity of Britain and the United States."

"You and we must dovetail our resources and our methods."

"We in Britain believe in our power to stave off and beat back the menace that hangs over us."—Reuter.

GERMAN SWEEPERS ATTACKED

Enemy shipping off the Danish coast was attacked by Coastal Command aircraft yesterday, stated the Air Ministry News Service in London last night.

Two large minesweepers were trying to clear part of the mine-field when the patrolling Hudson bombed the leading minesweeper. The explosion lifted the vessel's bows.

Another Hudson followed up a dive-bombing attack on an enemy supply ship with machine-gun fire and the ship was seen settling down by the stern.

A few miles away a second vessel was also machine-gunned and smoke was seen rising from amidships.—Reuter.

PRINCES MAKE NEW CONTRIBUTIONS

The Nizam of Hyderabad, says a Reuter despatch from Simla this morning, has contributed a further £50,000 for Imperial defence.

The Maharajah of Travancore has contributed a similar sum to the Viceroy's Fund for the purchase of a minesweeping trawler for the Indian Navy.

BRITAIN WARNED TO EXPECT NEW TAXATION

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, in the House of Commons yesterday moved a vote of credit of £1,000,000,000 for war expenditure. Sir Kingsley recalled that on March 13 the House approved a credit of £700,000,000. Over £575,000,000 of this sum had already been expended.

For the last four weeks the average rate of expenditure directly on the war equalled over £7,500,000 daily of which £6,500,000 was spent on the Navy, Army and Air Force, the Ministry of Supply and on aircraft production.

The remainder was spent on other war service like shipping, food, home security, and so on. These figures, the Chancellor declared, are further proof of our fixed determination to achieve victory.

The contribution from taxation towards the cost of the war must be as high as possible and must soon be made. It was imperative we should keep before us the necessity of a sound financial effort and be ready to make the necessary heavy financial sacrifice.

The House unanimously agreed to the £1,000,000,000 credit and went into secret session on economic warfare.—Reuter.

Gap Widening

Further heavy taxation was foreshadowed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer when he moved a supplementary vote of £1,000,000,000 for war expenditure.

He told the House that when essential services and other necessary services are added, Britain is faced with the prospect of spending £9,500,000 a day.

The gap between revenue and expenditure is widening. Further revenue from taxation must clearly be the highest available, cover a wide range and be made soon.

Britain, he went on, must also strive to curtail all unnecessary consumption. Britain must not only not imperil her prosecution of the war but must also keep in mind the need for sound financial measures.

These were necessary not only for the sound prosecution of the war but also, at the end of it, to ensure some prospect of decent conditions for the people at the end of it.—Reuter.

Nothing To Be Spared

These figures Sir Kingsley continued, provided real and tangible evidence of the great and rapid increase being made in the British war effort and represented no mean achievement.

It was impossible, the Chancellor said, to forecast the future rate of expenditure but no effort would be spared in money or any other way until victory was achieved and every step would be taken to attain that object.

The vote now requested was for war purposes only but other large sums in respect of social and other services had to be added to obtain the total sum of national expenditure. The whole expenditure approached no less than 9½ million pounds each day and the gap between revenue and expenditure was widening.

Flow Of Savings

In conclusion, the Chancellor said there must be a strict curtailment of unnecessary consumption and a continuous flow of savings by large and small investors to the exchequer.

It was imperative to maintain sound financial methods and the country must be ready to make heavy financial sacrifices not only for the purpose of waging the war but also so that at the end Britain might emerge so financially strong as to ensure a reasonable prospect of decent conditions and tolerable lives for her citizens.—British Wireless.

EDUCATED IN GOEBBELS' SCHOOL

Once again the serious inaccuracy of Italian High Command communications has called forth comment in London.

With regard to the action "on the Cyrenaica border," in which the Italians yesterday claimed to have destroyed at least fifty British armoured and motorized units, it is pointed out that this number in fact exceeded the total number of British cars taking part in this action and that British losses were only three or four cars.

The action had in fact been most successful for the British, and it is noticed in London that the Italian communiqué refrains from stating that the action took place sixty miles within Italian territory.

Capture of a British tank claimed in yesterday's Italian communiqué is also untrue.—British Wireless.

RATIONING PLANS FOR MARGARINE

Particulars of the rationing of margarine and cooking fats were issued in London yesterday. After July 22, each person is allowed 6 ounces of butter or margarine and two ounces of animal lard. Dripping is not yet rationed.—British Wireless.

PROF. ROBERTSON ROBBED - OF LITTLE

Between 3 and 5 a.m. to-day, some person entered the residence of Professor Robertson, of No. 90, Bonham Road, and stole 50 cents and some foreign coins the value of which is unknown.

Mrs. Ching Kwok-hang, of No. 1, Shiu Fai Terrace, was robbed of a wrist watch in Queen's Road Central at about 9.45 p.m. yesterday.

CHARGEMAN IN COURT

GEORGE PERCY CLARKE, of the Royal Naval Dockyard, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with obtaining \$25 by false pretences from a woman, Lam Wai-ching, at Wanchai on or about February 15 this year.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The woman told the Court that she had known the defendant for nearly a year, and that some time in February, she asked him to obtain work for her son. He suggested that her son should learn some English and become an electrician.

A few days later, defendant asked her to give him a sum of \$25 as tea money for a Chinese foreman to get work for her son in the Naval Dockyard.

POLICE ROUND-UP OF UNDESIRABLES

An attempt to round up all undesirable characters in the Colony is being carried out by the Police Department.

Yesterday, Police parties under European officers visited several houses in Hollywood Road and took 15 Chinese into custody. They were alleged to be members of Triad Societies.

Premises on the mainland were also raided.

CONDEMNED HOUSE COLLAPSES

HOW A HOUSE IN NGA TSIN WAN ROAD, KOWLOON CITY, SUDDENLY COLLAPSED AND PARTIALLY BURIED THREE P.W.D. COOLIES WHO WERE ABOUT TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING ON JUNE 24 WAS DESCRIBED BEFORE MR. Q.A.A. MACFADYEN AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING.

The owner of the house, Ng Sin-tai, was summoned for failing to comply with an order issued by the P.W.D. to demolish the house on June 15, and the case was adjourned for a week. The Crown intends to claim damages on behalf of the coolies who were injured and had to be sent to hospital.

Mr. J. Dobson, representative of the P.W.D. stated that a demolition order was issued, but the owner failed to comply, compelling the P.W.D. to instruct workmen to demolish the building.

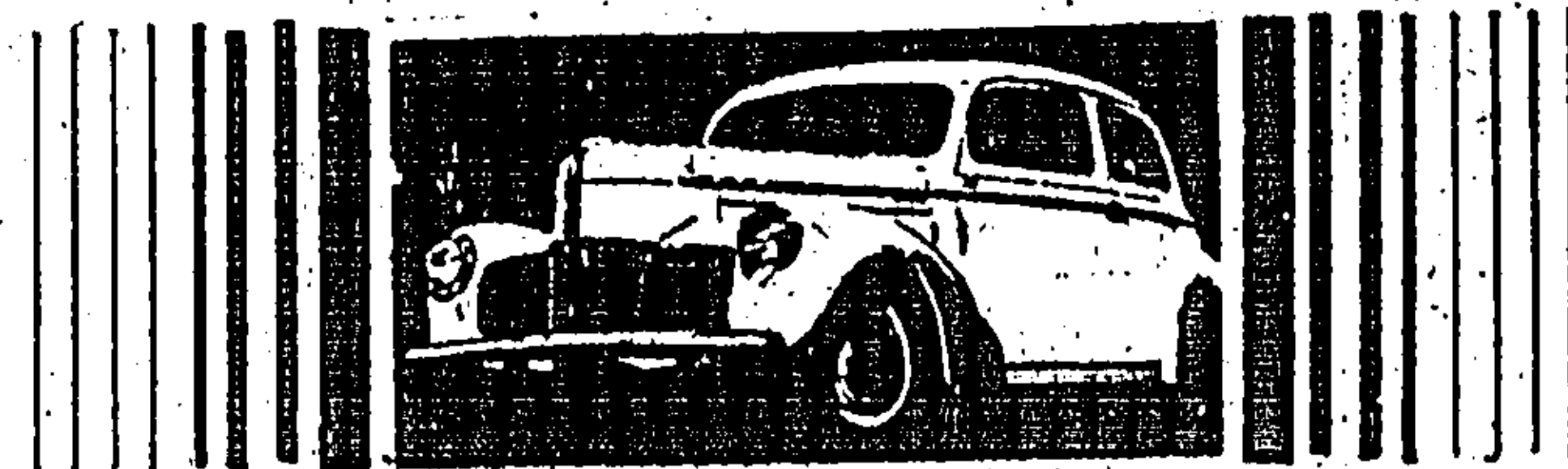
Some 20 occupants of the building were ordered to vacate and the coolies went in to pull down the house, which was in a "dangerous state."

The building, in fact, suddenly collapsed and three coolies were buried under the debris. They were rescued and detained in hospital for some length of time, one being still in hospital.

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♠ K J 10 9
 ♥ K 9 8 3
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ 6 3 2
 ♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ K Q J 7 2
 ♣ K 7 5
 ♠ 8 6 2
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ 9 8 5 3
 ♣ J 10 9 8
 ♠ A Q 3
 ♥ A Q J 10 7
 ♦ 10 6
 ♣ A Q 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

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The three successful declarers were not panic-stricken at the presence of the losing diamond. They discarded the four of clubs on dummy's extra spade and then led the diamond. West was obliged to win the trick and was then helpless. If he led a club, South would get a free finesse; and if he led another diamond, South would ruff in dummy and discard the Queen of clubs from his own hand.

Yesterday, with neither side vulnerable, you were the dealer. What was your bid, holding:

♠ A J 10 5 3
 ♥ Q 10 6 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A J 9

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one spade. The hand is a trifle light in high-card strength, but the distribution is excellent and you should strain to open the bidding when you have nine cards in

RUMANIAN DECREE

The Rumanian Cabinet, at a special meeting in Bucharest last night, approved a decree prohibiting the sale of shares in Rumanian oil companies except to Rumanian citizens.

This is interpreted as a move to prevent the transfer of such shares abroad.

There have been insistent rumours in Bucharest that British interests have been endeavouring to dispose of their share in Russia. — Reuter.

BANGKOK BOY AWARDED THE D.F.C.

Acting Wing-Commander John Jonas Arthur Sutton, born in Bangkok in 1912, whose father lives in Leeds, was yesterday awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations, says Reuter.

the major suits. Score 100% for one spade, 40% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 458

You are Howard Schenken's partner, neither side is vulnerable, and again you hold:

♠ A J 10 5 3
 ♥ Q 10 5 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A J 9

The bidding:

You	Barnstone	Schenken	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	5♥	Pass
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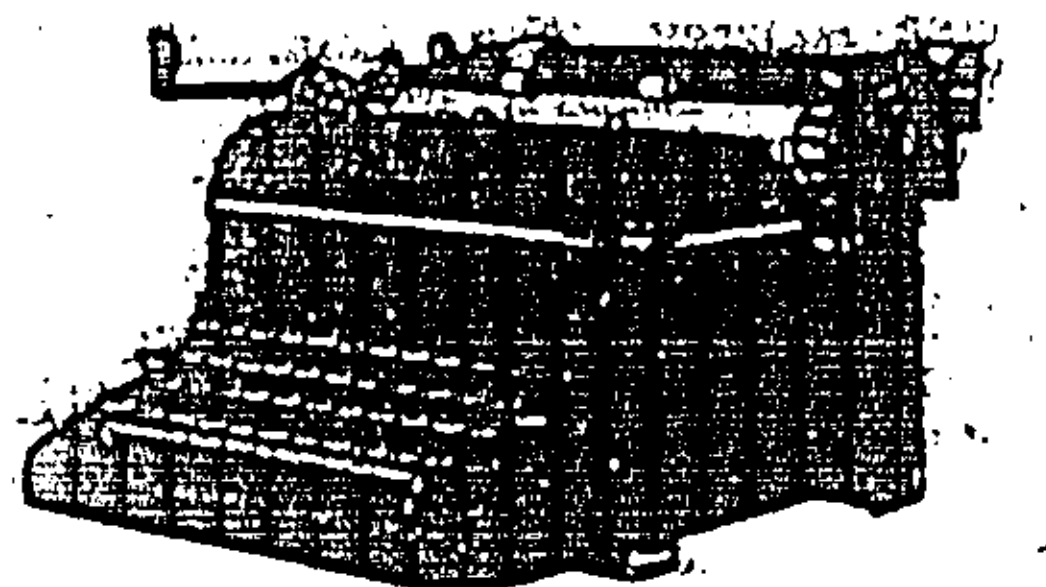
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6.32 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.34 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Coronation of King George VI". A talk by the Hon. Harold Nicolson.
6.48 p.m.—Edward German—"Merrie England"—Selection. New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

6.57 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 p.m.—Grand Variety Programme.

Comedienne—Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! What A Silly Place To Kiss A Girl (Gilbert); No Wonder She's A Blushing Bride (Mills & Others); Tessie O'Shea with her Banjo and Orchestra.

Vocal Quartet—Rockin' Chair (Carmichael); Chinatown, My Chinatown (Jerome Schwartz); The Mills Brothers with a Guitar.

Vocal—Donkey's Serenade (film "Firefly"—Friml); Christopher Robin Is Saying His Prayers (Fraser-Simson); Gracie Fields with Orch.

Vocal & Piano—You Oughta Be In Pictures (Heyman & Suesse); One Morning In May (Parish & Carmichael); Derickson & Brown.

Scenes from "Our Betters" by Somerset Maugham: 1. Getting A Motor; 2. Getting A Wife; Constance Collier and Ronald Squire.

Vocal—Serenade In The Night (Kennedy); I'll Sing You A Thousand Love Songs (film "Cain and Mabel"); Maro Henri (The Roaming Troubadour) with Orchestra.

Accordeon Band—Hill-Billy Medley. Intro: The Last Round Up; Will the Angels Play Their Harps for Me?; Home on the Range; Wagon Wheels; Ole Faithful; Roll along, Covered Wagon; Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus.

Comedian—Just Another Sally (Carlton); The Christmas Dinner (Miller); Max Miller with Orchestra.

Piano—Quickstep Medley. Intro: If I didn't care; A new moon and an old serenade; The pretty little Quaker Girl; Billy Thorburn with drums.

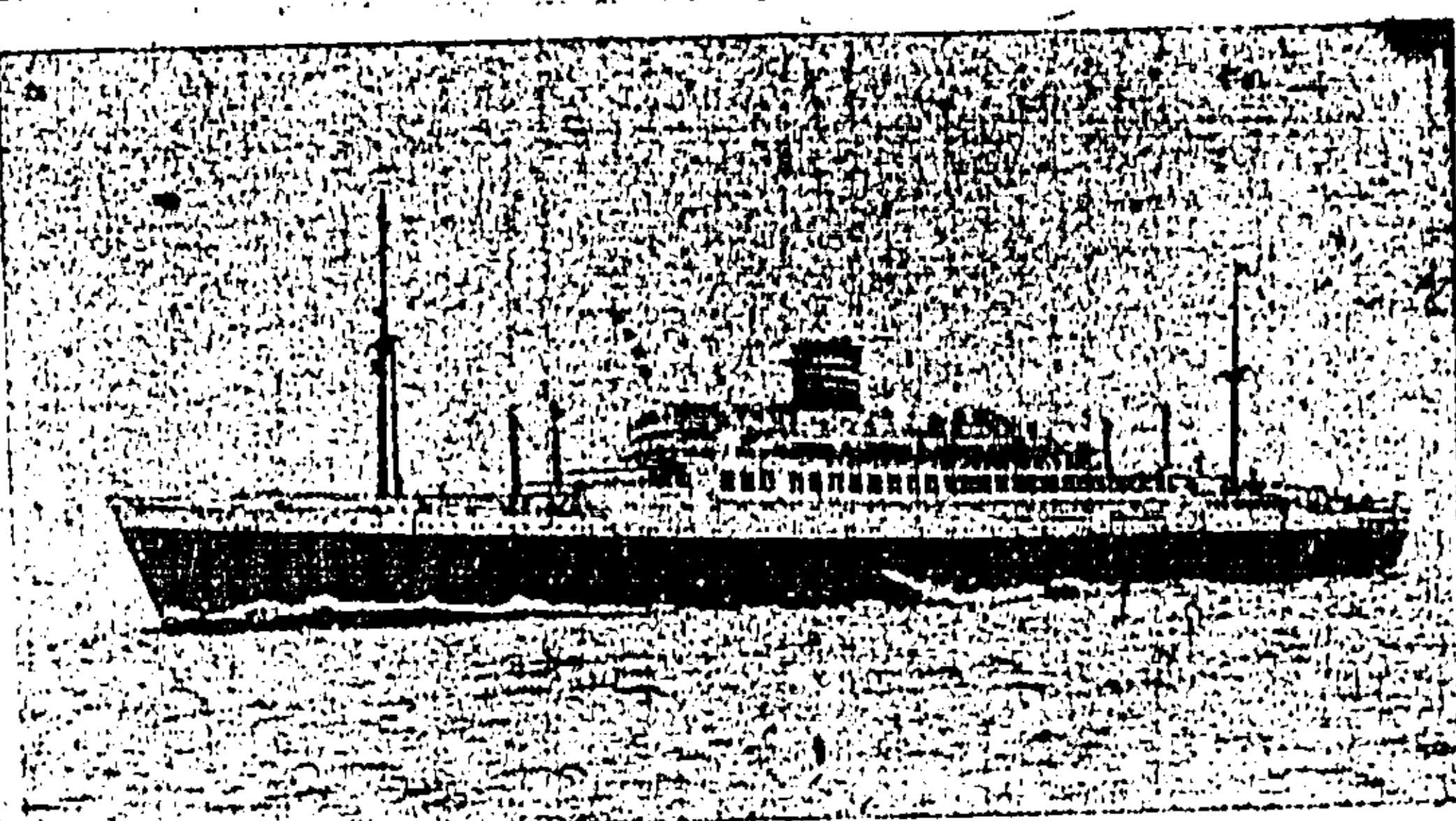
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".

9.45 p.m.—Albert Sandler & His Violin.
9.52 p.m.—A Short Programme by Reginald Foort, Derek Oldham and Winnie Melville.

10.05 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

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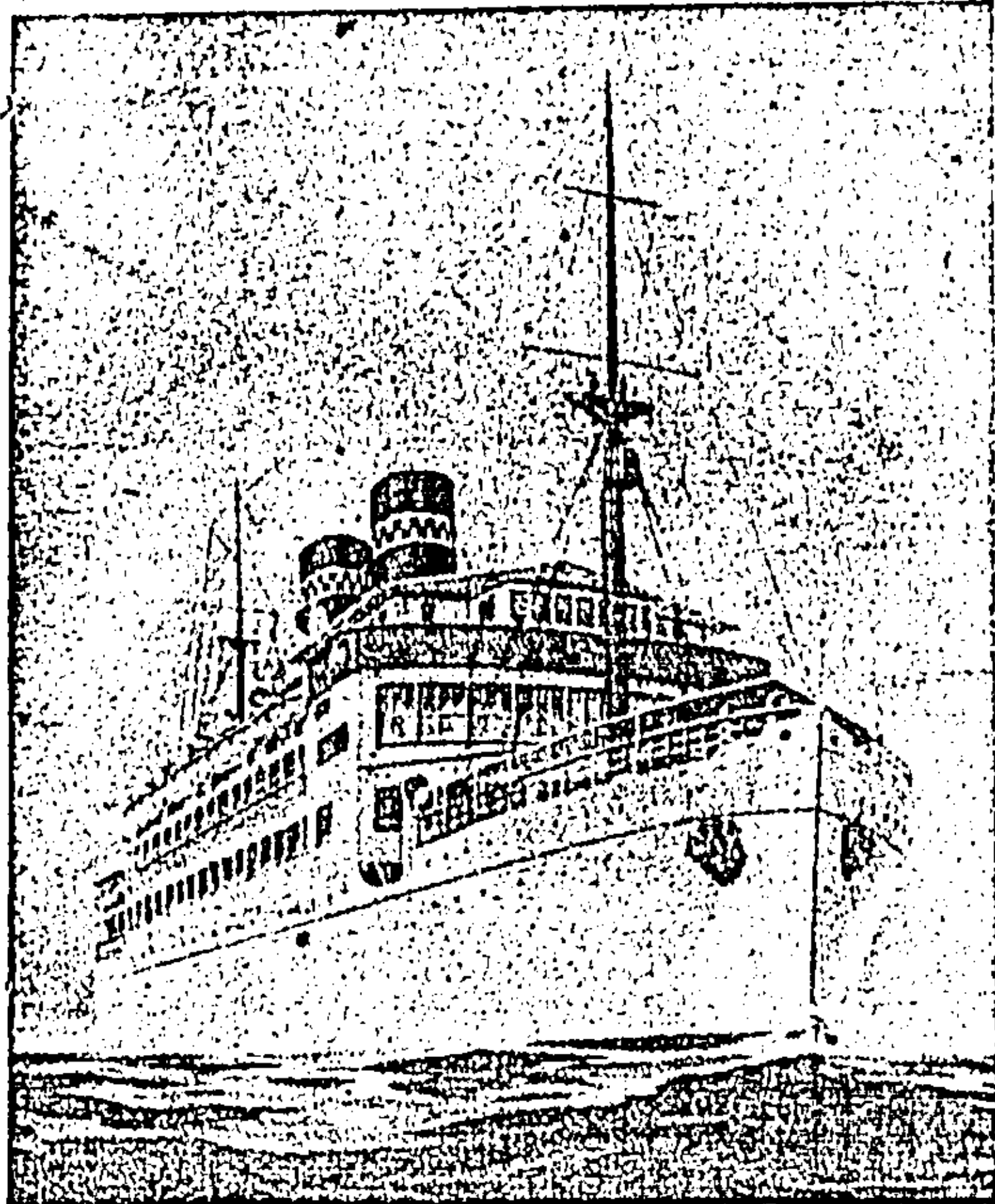
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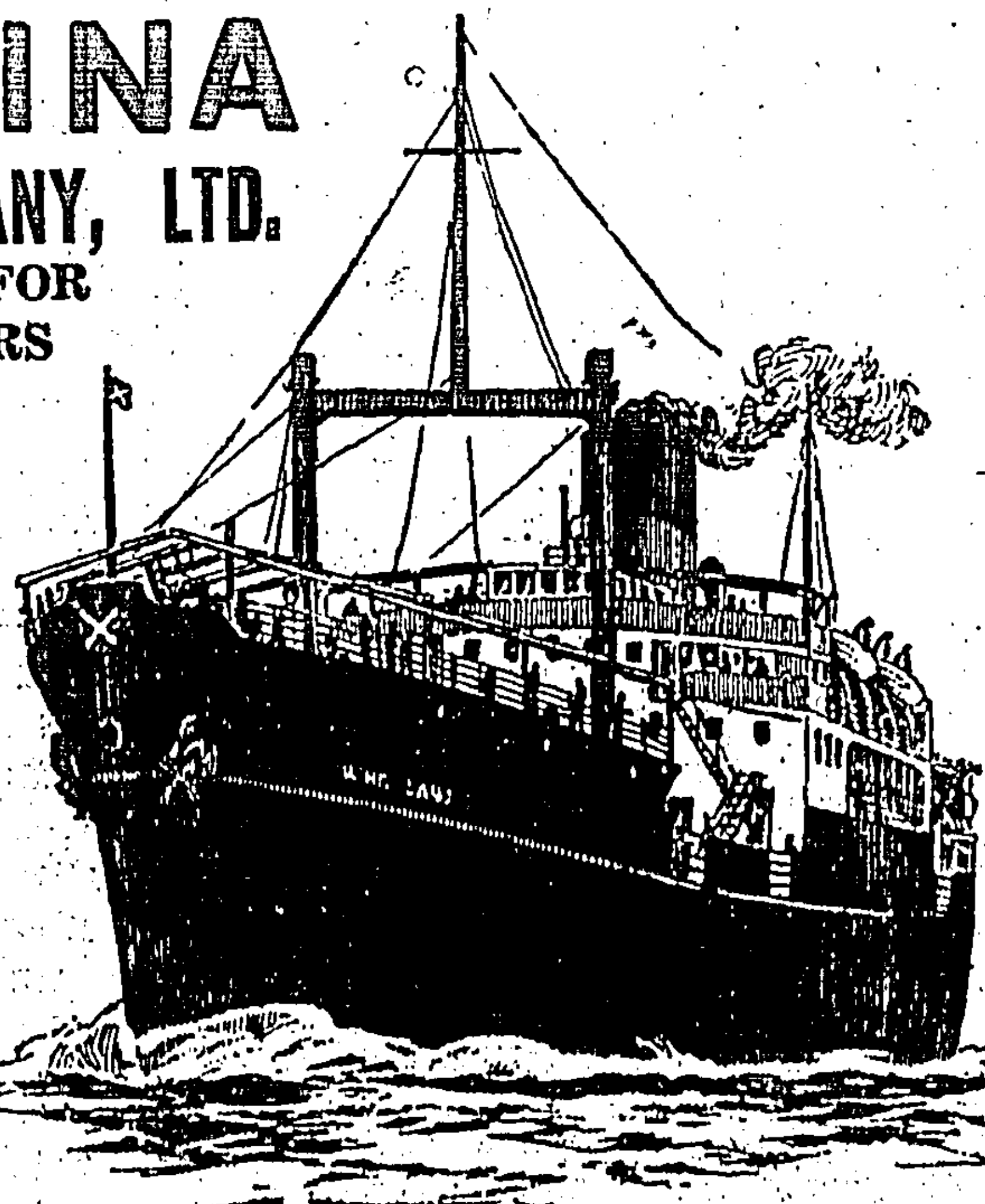
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Forward.

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York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.—
0250 and the New York/London
rate at £—U.S.\$3.77¼.

GERMANY'S TERMS

While all French prisoners held
by the Axis powers will remain
in captivity, all persons of what-
ever nationality who were re-
cently arrested in France for acts
favourable to Germany are to be
released.

The French armistice delegation
has accepted this order.—Reuter.

**QUIET TRADING ON
STOCK EXCHANGE**

Gilt-edged securities improved
on the London Stock Exchange
yesterday but closed below the
best owing to the quietness of
trading. Industrials were narrow-
ly irregular. Coppers were ex-
ceptionally steady. Wall Street
was steady.—Reuter.

**Mrs. Roosevelt Heads
Refugee Group**

Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the Pre-
sident, has accepted the honorary
chairmanship of the International
Children's Refugee Committee,
which was formed in New York
yesterday and is to raise U.S.\$5.—
000,000 to provide homes for re-
fugee children in the United
States.—Reuter.

**HOUSE SEARCHES IN
FRENCH CONCESSION**

House searches in the French
Concession, Shanghai, by Ja-
panese troops continue.

Yesterday several Chinese were
taken into custody.—Our Own
Correspondent.

**MITTELHAUSER
RESIGNS**

General Mittelhauser, French
Commander-in-Chief in Syria, is
relinquishing his command.—
Reuter.

A handbag containing \$300 was
snatched from a Chinese widow,
Mrs. Ng Lin, in Pei Ho Street,
Shamshuipo, yesterday afternoon.
Mrs. Ng resides at No. 64, Robin-
son Road.

**POLICE
RESERVISTS:
NEW DUTIES**

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if
you will kindly allow me to draw
the attention of all employers
concerned to revised arrange-
ments for duties of Police Reser-
vists. As from Thursday July
11th, members of the Reserve
have been detailed for six hours
duty daily—a tour of three hours
between 7 a.m. and noon, and a
tour of three hours between 6
p.m. and midnight. It is hoped
that this arrangement will enable
Reservists to continue in their
civil employment.

I would request the sympathe-
tic co-operation of employers to
enable Reservists to carry out
their orders.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.

**OPERATIONS AGAINST
FORT CAPUZZO**

Last night's Cairo war com-
munique stated that in the West-
ern Desert the successful engage-
ment continues of enemy columns
trying to take stores and water
into Fort Capuzzo, causing a daily
drain on the enemy's resources,
particularly mechanical transport.
On the other fronts there is
nothing to report.—Reuter.

**NO FEAR OF
FAMINE IN FRANCE**

The French Minister of Food
and Agriculture announced yes-
terday that reserves of corn, meat
and wine are sufficient, so that
there need be no fear of a famine
in France. Restrictions on im-
ported products, however, will be
made still more severe.—Reuter.

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BASEBALL NOTES

NAM HWA PLAY WELL TO UPSET CHUNG HWA

Catcher Szeto Bick Distinguishes Himself

H.B. RUB IT IN AGAINST SAPPERS

By "GRANDSTAND"

ON Saturday U.S.S. Mindanao had sweet revenge when they downed Hong Kong Baseball Club 8-2 in a return encounter. It will be recalled that earlier in the season the Molthenmen walloped the Chasemen 6-2 with Bill Smith establishing a new high by erasing no less than 13 Mindanaoans via the strike out route.

This time Papa Bear Bill Smith did not make an appearance and Johnny Alvares was on the firing line for the Hongkongites. Johnny did very well with his steady pitching, striking out six and walking only two, but he received poor support from his fielders who booted seven times against Mindanao's three bobbles.

Johnny yielded eight hits to the blue-jackets, while his teammates could only manage to nick Ski Powlawski and Crooner Ruel for three measly blows. Powlawski struck out three and passed three and Ruel whiffed three and walked one.

Ruthian Clout

Bubbles Badrick started production for Mindanao in the first inning when he hammered a Ruthian clout with no one on board. Mindanao garnered five more runs in the second frame to salt the game away. From thence onward the Chasemen took it easy to be blanked in four cantos but scoring two runs in the last inning. Hong Kong Baseball Club's two runs came in the third stanza, Johnny Alvares and "Smudge" Smith both scoring on a walk and two Mindanao errors.

Tony Alves, at shortstop, and Eddie Rodgers, at the hot corner, displayed brilliant fielding with nary an error. With the bat Ski Powlawski distinguished himself again with three hits in four times to bat.

	R. H. E.
Mindanao	150 000 2-8 3
H.K.B.C.C.	002 000 0-2 3

Big Upset

In the biggest upset seen in local baseball for many years South China surprisingly upset Abe Liu's tea wagon by giving Chung Hwa a 4 to 2 lacing.

Under the guidance of Grandpop Leung, Nam Hwa played million dollar ball and came through in the pinches, making all their four hits count when hits meant runs.

Chung Hwa lacked their usual oomph and could not get the old engine going against an inspired South China aggregation, who were out to give everything they had.



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SCORES AT A GLANCE

Mindanao	8	H.K.B.C.C.	2
South China	4	Chung Hwa	2
H.K. Brewery	25	Engineers	4

Maybe it was over-confidence on the part of the Abemen that lost them the game and they found out that a ball game is not won or lost until the last man is out.

Both teams were blanked in the first frame. In the second South China broke the ice with one tally. Law popped to the pitcher for the first out. Harry Chin was safe on first on first sacker Richard Chung's muff. Lau scored Chin with a hit to centre-field but was himself put out in a neat relay from right-fielder Al Lau to catcher Tuffy Chinn, then to second sacker Bill Chang. Cecil Winglee reached first on an error but was caught napping at the initial sack by twirler Hank Chang.

Chung Hwa jumped to the lead in the second. Wally Ching grounded to shortstop for the first erasure. Hank Chang doubled to right-field followed by Al Lau, who singled to left field to score Hank Chang. Chan reached first on a miscue by third baseman Ng and Al Lau tallied, Loon grounded to shortstop to retire the inning and, as it turned out, end Chung Hwa's scoring for the day.

Take Lead

In the fifth Nam Hwa took the lead with two tallies. Harry Chin and Cecil Winglee both crossed the counting station on a walk and two hits. Nam Hwa scored one more run in the sixth when I. C. Wong homered with no one on board. Chung Hwa, with their heavy batters coming up, threatened to score in the last stanza but Nam Hwa held them down in brilliant manner. It looked as if Chung Hwa would stage a rally when Richard Chung, first batter in the seventh, singled to left field, but in trying to pilfer second he was nabbed by second baseman C. W. Wong on a perfect throw by backstop Szeto Bick. Tuffy Chinn was safe on first when Mok missed a fly at left field. Tuffy tried to steal second but Szeto Bick made another perfect throw to the keystone and Tuffy was the second erasure. Wally Ching grounded to third base for the last out to end the best game of the week-end.

Remarkable how Szeto Bick's arm was on Sunday; it was the first time I have seen him throw any base-runner out at second, let alone two in succession! Hank Chang started on the mound for Chung Hwa and, during his stay on the slab, struck out one and walked none. "Bill" Chang took over in the sixth and walked one. Lau went the full route for Nam Hwa and struck out one.

	R. H. E.
South China	010 021 0-4 4
Chung Hwa	020 000 0-2 7

H. B. Rub It In

In the second game, Hong Kong Brewery rubbed it in on the hapless Royal Engineers in a 25 to 4 score. The Brewers took no chances after what happened to Chung Hwa in the previous game. The tilt was devoid of any interest and the Brewers might have made the merry-go-round slightly more interesting to the fans had they switched their players around instead of fattening their batting averages.

NEW POLE-VAULT RECORD

A new world record for the pole-vault, of 16'1 1/2" was made in Fresno, California recently by Cornelius Warm-erdam, of San Francisco, in the National Amateur Athletic Union track and field championships. The present official world record is 14'11".—Reuter.

RUNYAN TO LECTURE

New York.—Paul Runyan, the golf professional, has been added to the Columbia University faculty as a lecturer on physical education.

CARLETON WAS READY TO GIVE UP BASEBALL WHEN GIVEN CHANCE

BROOKLYN HAS THE pitchers who made Milwaukee famous... five of them — Tex Carleton, Luke Hamlin, Whitlow Wyatt, Tot Pressnell and Newt Kimball.

Carleton, the no-hit, no-run hero, would have quit baseball had not the Dodgers picked him up. No other outfit was interested.

He intended to retire a year ago, when the Cubs sent him to the Brewers... might not be in the game now had not the coach of Texas Christian, where he went to school, become ill.

When he was asked to bat for the Horned Frog mentor for a few days, Carleton's arm felt so good he decided to report to the Milwaukee club at Ocala, Fla. "The Cubs suspected I was joking, but my arm had really been bad," the tanned right-handed told me while he was at the Brewers' training base.

"I'll be back in the majors. There are fellows getting by up there who can't pitch as well as I can and who don't know half as much as I do about pitching."

Larry MacPhail, president of the Brooklyn club, takes no credit for bringing in Carleton.

Milwaukee President Bats For Carleton

"The story is this," he says. "Henry Bender, president of the Milwaukee club, is a good friend of mine. We'd made some previous deals with Milwaukee, the last of which was for Whit Wyatt. It ran off fine. No quibbling, no haggling about terms."

"And good old Henry remembered me. He had had a working agreement with the Cubs, but he didn't remember the Cubs. No, sir, he remembered me... late last season."

"Henry felt Carleton had the stuff to win again in the majors. He called me up and asked me to buy him."

"Now, mind you, Carleton didn't have a good record with Milwaukee... only 11 won and nine lost. If he had good stuff, you couldn't tell it by the records. So, of course, I was a little doubtful, but Henry insisted he was full as well as he did when he came up with the Cardinals."

"He explained the reason," his record wasn't so good was that he hurt his wrist in an accident in the middle of the campaign, and

	R. H. E.
H. B.	001 069 0-25 18 4
R. E.	100 300 0-4 3 16

In a friendly game U.S.S. Asheville overwhelmed Chung Hwa 14-3. Harvey's pitching proved too good for the Lilumens who made no hits during the encounter. Harvey whiffed eight and was a bit wild to pass seven. Hurst who relieved Harvey in the last frame struck out one and walked three.

Hurst led the batting list with one homer and three singles. Other long hits were a three-bagger each by Gray and Gordon, and a double by Groverdale.

	R. H. E.
Asheville	335 120 0-14 10 1
Chung Hwa	010 000 0-3 0 6

SOVIET SWIMMERS SET WORLD MARKS

Moscow, June.—At a meet of the best Soviet swimmers, one of the teams, which included the well-known Soviet swimmer Leonid Meshkov, set a new world record in a relay race 4 x 100 meters—3 min. 57 sec. The European record for this distance had belonged to Germany and constituted 4 min. 5 sec., and the world record set by an American had been 3 min. 59.2 sec.

A new world record was set by the well-known swimmer Semon Boychenko, who covered 200 meters breaststroke in 2 min. 33.7 sec., thus bettering by 2.5 sec. the world record set by himself in 1938.—Tass.

TENNIS LEAGUE NOT ABANDONED

That there is no intention on the part of the League Tennis authorities to abandon any division of the League just yet is indicated in a letter received this morning from Mr. C. J. Tacchi League Hon. Secretary.

The letter includes the revised list of "A" Division fixtures—only one match having being played under the old schedule—and advises of the withdrawal from Mixed Doubles Division of United Services Recreation Club, and from "D" Division of Central British Association.

Following is the revised "A" Division Schedule:—

All matches of May 20 postponed to July 15.

All matches of May 27th postponed to July 22nd.

All matches of June 3rd postponed to July 29th.

All matches of June 10th postponed to August 6th.

All matches of June 24th postponed to August 12th.

All matches of July 8th postponed to August 19th.

All matches of June 17th postponed to August 26th.

Only one match has been played in this division viz I.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C. when the former won by 5½ to 3½, hence June 17th to August 26th has been placed last in the new list.

Any of these matches can be played on dates other than above by mutual arrangement between the clubs concerned.

BOWLS TEAMS

H.K.C.C.

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Cricket Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

Second Division (v C.S.C.C., Home):—F. D. Angus, J. L. Mout, G. S. Archbutt and B. E. Maughan (Skip); R. R. Davies, A. T. Lay, E. Hospes and G. E. Costello (Skip); T. A. Pearce, A. K. Mackenzie, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C., Away):—W. A. Cornell, L. E. N. Ryan, J. Prentice and P. S. Cassidy (Skip); E. S. Doughty, H. A. Angus, W. A. Cruickshank and A. McKellar (Skip); W. J. Hansen, A. D. Humphreys, B. J. Lacombe and E. S. Abraham (Skip).

RECREIO

Following teams have been selected to represent Club de Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division ("A" v K.C.C., Home):—L. J. Silva, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves (Skip); L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip); J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

First Division ("B" v K.D.R.C., Away):—D. C. Alves, C. A. Lopes, A. P. Guterres and B. Basto (Skip); F. A. Machado, C. H. Basto, C. Roza Pereira and J. J. Basto (Skip); A. P. Pereira, A. F. Noronha, J. C. Remedios and J. E. Noronha (Skip).

Second Division (v P.R.C., Away):—M. F. Alarcon, H. R. Pinna, A. M. Rodrigues and O. P. Remedios (Skip); P. M. N. da Silva, J. A. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves and P. Yvanovich (Skip); F. A. Xavier, C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier and E. Sousa (Skip).

H.K.F.C.

The following have been chosen to represent H.K.F.C. in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v Craigengower C.C., Home):—F. P. Anslow, J. H. Gelling, L. E. Lammert and K. S. Robertson (Skip); A. B. Didsbury, A. W. Hodges, W. Gill and G. Duncan (Skip); A. Watson, B. I. Bickford, A. Brooksbank and N. J. Bobbington (Skip).

Third Division (v H.K.C.C., Home):—B. A. Mansell, F. Flippance, G. E. Stephens and G. S. Graver (Skip); A. G. Grattan, S. H. Strange, R. R. Wood and J. Watson (Skip); H. H. Beddow, C. G. Solis, E. L. Strange and H. G. Wallington (Skip).

PAAVO NURMI DROPS HINT THAT FINLAND MAY HOLD OLYMPIAD

CAN IT BE — now that the Russo-Finish war has been concluded — that Finland will hold the Olympic Games this summer after all?

This may sound like a pretty far-fetched question just at present with Finland in a devastated condition. But what tremendous good-will could be developed if the Games actually could be held in Finland this summer.

When the two Finnish track stars, Taisto Maki and Paavo Nurmi, were in San Francisco recently to open their nation-wide series of Finnish Relief appearances Nurmi, "the uncommunicative," dropped a hint that indicated he thought the Finns would make an attempt to stage the Games if the situation in Finland cleared up. Whether there were the great crowds to jam the Olympic Stadium or not, the fact that the Games were held at all would make sports history. It might not be such a crazy idea at that.

TECHNICAL KNOCK-OUT DECISION FOR BAER OVER TONY GALENTO

'TWO TON' FAILS TO RISE FROM HIS STOOL FOR EIGHTH ROUND

THIRTY-FIVE thousand roaring fans recently saw Max Baer of the California Baers prove that "Two Ton" Tony Galento, pride of the local ballroom fraternity, was the "bigger bum" by technically knocking out super-bloody, helpless Tony who was not able to rise from his stool for the eighth round.

Maxie's dramatic victory were in good shape. Galento entered the ring an 8 to 5 favourite. Promoter Mike Jacobs announced that he will start preparations for the next title bout between Max and Joe Louis, probably in Chicago in September. Had Galento won, the championship would have been staged here or across the river in New York, where Tony has hordes of faithful followers.—United Press.

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Galento, who wore a gauze on his cut chin, swayed like a nervous elephant when he entered the ring. His face was grim.

Rounds Described

Both fighters were cautious in the first round, with Galento concentrating on Maxie's body with heavy body blows to gain the scorer's nod in that frame. Baer landed more blows in the second, although both fighters frequently clinched.

Both fighters resorted to rough tactics in the third, when the referee warned Galento against illegal blows, which gave Baer the round. In the fourth, Baer rained blows on Tony's face, and drew blood in his mouth. The round also was awarded to Baer, especially because Tony resumed his butting tactics.

Apparently warmed up, Max slugged it out toe-to-toe with Tony, whose mouth was then bleeding profusely. Baer landed some good rights and lefts. There was more clinching than fighting in the sixth, but in the seventh, Max unleashed a two-handed barrage which brought Tony down to one knee. He was barely able to stand at the bell.

When Tony failed to answer the eighth round bell, Referee Joe Mangold waved Max to the middle of the ring and raised his arm in token of victory.

That the grudge element was no publicity stunt was evident as early as yesterday afternoon when the boys almost started hostilities during the weighing-in operations at the luxurious ballroom of Plaza hotel. That was when Tony called Max a "big bum."

Baer tried to put the "evil eye" on Galento, staring at him with a concentrated expression, but Tony foiled the psychological punch by merely frowning and looking in the opposite direction. When posing in fighting position for photographers, Baer swung and knocked down Galento's outstretched arm.

Galento rushed to Baer, bellowing, but officials and by-standers prevented hostilities. Speaking over the radio a few minutes later, Baer said: "May the best man win—that's me." Whereupon Galento rushed at Maxie and yelled: "You big bum, what happened to you when you fought Nova!"

Unorthodox Galento

Contemptuous of the accepted training rules, Galento went out for a short road work early yesterday morning and then played cards with his family. The cut in his chin from his brother Russell's beer mug seemed healed.

Physicians examined both fighters during the weighing-in operations and reported that they

AMERICAN JOINS BRITISH FORCES

New York.—Tommy Dutton, 17-year-old son of Red Dutton, manager of the New York Americans, has enlisted in the Royal Air Force.

"YOUNG" AROMIN ISSUES A CHALLENGE

With reference to an article on the possible formation of a Chinese boxing team by Mr. Lee Kim-kuen which appeared in these columns on Monday, "Young" Aromin writes to find out whether the Mr. Lee in question is the boxer who fought some years ago under the ring name of "Sky" Lee. Aromin offers to stake his "title" of featherweight champion of the Colony in a fight against "Sky" Lee, if the latter is still on the boxers' flat, over any number of rounds from 10 upwards.

"THE GREATEST PLAY I'VE EVER SEEN"

(This is one of a series of short descriptions of "The Greatest Play I've Ever Seen" as appearing in the Shanghai "China Press." Reference is made to base ball and to local Shanghai plays and should prove of interest to Hong Kong fans.)

BY OLD CHINA HAND
As told to Hal P. Mills

THIS is not exactly the story of his young life. He chuckled a great play but rather of fast straight ball at the plate, the golden days of such players as Shepard Luten, Verne Clair, Maloney and "Spud" Murphy, sphere for a grand loop, clearing the centrefield fence, winning the old ball game and establishing his THIRD record distant hit of the day. Murphy's playing days are over but he is still active locally as an umpire. He is a first sergeant in the Service Company, 4th Marines.

(H. P. M.'s note: Old China Hand, known to hundreds here, has missed but few games in 20 years. He prefers to remain anonymous.)

At the end of the second inning of a scheduled seven-inning game, the Amateurs were trailing by 5 to 1. With one gent on base, up came Mighty Murphy. Now, up to that time, home runs were plenty scarce at Pioneer Field, the centrefield fence being some 330 feet from the platter—and a drive of 330 feet is quite some wallop, even for a Murphy. But Murphy sent the pill soaring over the fence for the longest Pioneer Field homer on record. Only two other batters ever had cleared that wall, the first being Harry Kingman and the second Verne Clair. Murphy's clout brought the score to 5-3. Three innings later Mister Murphy again faced Pongratz, the Cruiser hurler. Emulating the great Babe Ruth Murphy smilingly pointed to the distant centrefield fence. Fans had a good laugh. A second homer over that same distant wall? It was a laugh.

But Murphy knew his onions. With deadly accuracy he rapped the jolly old apple high over the fence, a clout which established another new record for distance. Score: 5-4, in favour of the Cruisers.

Most baseballers would, after clouting two homers in a single game, breaking all records for distance, have called it a day. Not so with the fine Mr. Murphy, who oddly enough, says he was robbed in Seattle a year later.

Came the seventh and final inning of the abbreviated game. And up came the slugging Irishman. One man on base. Pongratz whipped across a high one which the umps called a strike. Then another high strike. Murphy gripped his bat closer and scowled. So that was it, hey? Well, he'd show em!

Pongratz then made the error

WOULD RUN BETTER WITH TONGUE TIED

Some horsemen believe that Bimelech, the winner of the classic American Hekness Stakes, would run faster and farther and more consistently if his tongue were tied down.

The dark bay lets his tongue fall outside his mouth on the right side while running, and keeps it rolling around, as if licking his lips.

Trainers suspect the habit makes breathing a bit difficult.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

ALTHOUGH several tennis matches had been arranged to take place on Monday evening, after the fine weekend, these had to be cancelled late in the afternoon owing to bad weather. The weather, coupled with military activity, still continues to hamper Army Sport.

BOXING fans will be interested to hear of a proposal to arrange boxing tournaments between local Chinese and servicemen. The Services at present hold the monopoly of this sport in the Colony. The person responsible for this idea is Mr. Lee Kim-kuen, who has been associated with this sport for a long time.

At present he is running an Academy of Physical Culture amongst whose members are some very keen boxers who are very keen to take on the Services. As a test I would suggest that Mr. Lee pits his team against one of the small Units, from the result of such a contest, which would no doubt attract a lot of interest, it would be seen whether or not the Chinese would be able to stand up to the type of fighter that both the Royal Scots and Middlesex can put in the ring. The Army would welcome such a challenge as it would serve as a stimulant, and that is what Army boxing in Hong Kong needs just now.

THERE is still no further news of the formation of an Army Table Tennis League, but it is evident that there is no lack of interest. The Service Corps and Medical Corps continue to practice hard and they met in a friendly encounter at Whitfield Barracks on Friday.

The result was an easy win in favour of the Service Corps. The fixture between the Royal Scots and Service Corps is still in abeyance, owing to the difficulty the Royals are experiencing at the present time in getting a team together. St. Andrew's Club are still endeavouring to obtain matches with service teams, their next being against Royal Corps of Signals.

This match will be followed by one against the Service Corps on July 17th at Kowloon. I understand that 24th Battery, R.A. are now seeking matches and will be playing the Medical Corps at an early date. So far neither the Middlesex nor Royal Engineers

have participated in any of the friendly games, though I understand that they both have a number of keen players and no doubt will enter the proposed League.

VICTORY seems to always evade the Sappers in the Baseball League; so far this season they have found it impossible to turn the tables on their more experienced opponents. Their recent performances have not been up to the standard of the great fights they put up at the beginning of the season. At the weekend they lost heavily to the H.B. team. The Engineers were guilty of a great number of errors, which resulted in the H.B. fellows piling up the runs against them.

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CRAIG WOOD'S AMAZING GOLF SCORE OF 264

Blonde American Craig Wood's amazing 64-66-68-66-264 in the Metropolitan Open again stresses the advantage a golfer has when he knows his way around a course.

Wood for several years was the head professional at the Forest Hill Field Club of Bloomfield, N.J., scene of the firing.

It will be recalled that Gene Sarazen had served at Fresh Meadows, where he came down the stretch with the record 66 which bagged the National Open of 1932.

Freak Hole-In-One In Shanghai

Shanghai, July 3.—Judge Lurton is credited with the Seeking-jao golf course's most freakish achievement. Time: last Friday. Location: fourth green. Judge Lurton lobbed the ball 57 feet with a mashie, and rising to 25 feet, it dropped spinning into the cup in a vertical descent. Freakish was the fact that it was 25 feet high over the cup when it was coming along, then dropped vertically.

TO-DAY In Every City on THE GLOBE



Some are enjoying perfect health—others are in hospitals fighting for life. Millions start off in the morning feeling fit and bright but without the slightest warning there comes an attack of pain in the form of Headaches, Neuralgia, Nerviness, etc. Cold and Flu infection is as sudden as an accident. For these ailments the popular world-wide medicine is ASPRO. Its success is due to relief results that are quickly proved and the fact that ASPRO is safe, because it does not harm the heart or have any injurious after-effects. Always use ASPRO according to the directions to relieve Pain and Headaches, Cold, Flu and Rheumatism.

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Petain's Fascism Will Avail Nothing Warning Given In Rome And Berlin

THE BREAKDOWN OF THE FRANCO-BRITISH ALLIANCE CAN MAKE NO DIFFERENCE TO ITALIAN AND GERMAN CLAIMS ON FRANCE, DECLARED THE "GIORNALE D'ITALIA" IN ROME YESTERDAY.

"The breakdown cannot modify the conditions that France has created with regard to the Axis powers by her past policy and military action. A conquered nation remains such, with her political debts to Italy and Germany, and the changing of European policy cannot change the responsibilities of France, which will have to satisfy the Italian and German demands.

Referring to Italian action patch to the "Giornale d'Italia," against Britain, the newspaper speaks of "the complex tasks of the Italian forces who will have to face the British naval forces in the Mediterranean, Red Sea, Indian Ocean and Atlantic, while the air and land forces will have to combat the British on the frontiers of Libyan East Africa.

The official Stefani news agency, in a Berlin despatch yesterday, gave comments from the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" following similar lines, and declaring France cannot evade her responsibilities by adapting her form of government to that of her adversaries. "The French experiment has come too late, for the European settlement will be undertaken solely by Italy and Germany."

"Blockade Of England"
According to the German des-

various problems raised by the Axis aim "to pursue the war to final victory against Britain and its Imperial forces" have been distributed among the two Axis powers in complete agreement. Each power has been allocated its task the object of which is "To close the blockade round England and vanquish it on home and overseas territory as well as at sea."—Reuter.

"Heavy Sanctions"

That Italy and Germany are determined not to let France off at all lightly is indicated by the tone of the Italian press.

The "Popolo d'Italia," for instance, writes that the armistice will not stop Germany and Italy from "burdening France with heavy sanctions" after the totalitarian victory.—Reuter.

REYNAUD ATTENDS CHAMBER

According to the official Nazi news agency in Berlin yesterday, the French parliamentary session was opened by M. Edouard Herriot, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies.

M. Paul Reynaud, the former Premier, was present with head bandaged as result of his recent motor accident.—Reuter.

FASCIST WITHOUT A QUALM

The French Chamber of Deputies approved Marshal Petain's new Fascist constitution yesterday by 395 votes to 3, showing that the whole business was just a mere formality. The bill then went to the Senate and to-day will be presented to the two Houses together, sitting as the National Assembly.

The same easy passage is expected.

Under the new Constitution, dictatorial terms will be given to Marshal Petain, and yesterday's meeting was important as, by it, the Chamber of Deputies signed away its own life, and the opposition of only three shows that the dictatorship is already at work.

The meeting marked the end of long centuries of freedom in France.

Following the action of the French Chamber, the Senate yesterday adopted by 225 votes to 1 a resolution proposing revision of the Constitution, states a Berne despatch to the official German news agency.—Reuter.

National Assembly

Following the vote of the French Chamber yesterday for revision of the Constitution, the Chamber and Senate will meet jointly as the National Assembly this afternoon (Wednesday).—Reuter.

SUPPORT FOR GEN. DE GAULLE

(Special to "China Mail")

A special French committee which will act as intermediary between the British Government and the French community in London was formed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of French residents in London. During the meeting all speakers reaffirmed their faith in Britain's victory and expressed their determination fully to co-operate with the authorities. An appeal was launched to all French citizens in Britain for active support of the Allied cause.—Havas.

ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN IN SHANGHAI

THE ANTI-BRITISH MOVEMENT IS BECOMING ACTIVE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT OF SHANGHAI, SAYS A REUTER CABLE, AS WELL AS IN THE FRENCH CONCESSION.

An organisation describing itself as the "Eradicate the British League" has issued circulars addressed to the British troops and "telling" them to withdraw from Chinese territory at the earliest possible moment.

The circular adds that hesitation "may compel us to resort to force to effect your expulsion."—Reuter.

INSPECTORATE AT KWONGCHOWWAN

Kwang Chow Wan, To-day. Japanese inspectors have arrived here to keep watch on goods passing through to Chinese territory.

The report of the plane crash in which five Frenchmen and a Japanese official were killed cannot be officially confirmed.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHARP DOGFIGHT OVER CHUNGKING

Four Japanese bombers were shot down by Chinese fighter planes in an air battle near Chungking yesterday when three waves of Japanese aircraft totalling 54 machines raided the wartime capital.

Chinese fighters swooped down when the Japanese reached the city limits. The enemy were forced to break formation.

Over Chenchichang, two bombers burst into flames in midair and hurtled to the ground. Another bomber was shot down over Shangyuanchang, with its crew of seven all killed.

The fourth enemy bomber was shot down in the north part of Tienkiang, northeast of Chungking.

In addition to the four planes shot down, five other machines were badly damaged by Chinese fire, trailing smoke as they flew over Wansien, and are believed to have little chance of returning to their base.

While the air battle was in progress, the Japanese bombed the Chungking suburbs. As a result, about 70 civilians were killed and maimed while 380 houses were demolished. A Catholic church at Chihsinkang also suffered damage.—Central News.

WOMAN AND GIRL OF SIXTEEN

A 35-year-old widow, Hui Sil-ye, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with aiding and abetting or compelling the prostitution of a girl, Chiu Ngan, 16, in Wanchai, between October 27, 1938, and July 5, this year.

Defendant denied the charge. Hearing was fixed for July 18, at 2.30 p.m. and defendant was released on bail of \$140.

Inspector G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., is in charge of the case.

ALLEGED CHOPPER ATTACK

Yeung Tam, 31, stone mason, was remanded 48 hours by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Lau Cheung-tai on Monday.

It is alleged that the defendant struck the complainant with a chopper during a quarrel in Shaokwan.

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STOP PRESS

The Canadian Minister of Defence has just announced the mobilisation of a Forestry Corps composed of 20 companies for overseas service.—Reuter.

A wall at the rear of the Kwong Ma Lee Preserved Fruit Manufactory at No. 34, Queen's Road West, collapsed at 8.45 a.m. to-day crashing into a shop in the street behind. The Emergency Police Unit was called out to control the traffic and crowds. Only one man was injured.

A French coaster from Kwang Chow Wan arrived in Macao yesterday and disembarked passengers.

"We are determined that no European nation shall ever invade our shores," declared Mr. Hugh Johnson, acting U. S. Secretary for War, to-day in a broadcast over the Columbia system from New York.

Given time, America's unmatched industrial facilities could be converted into a military defence such as the world has never seen.

The United States' productive capacity of aeroplanes to-day is 14,000 a year. A year from to-day, she hopes to make 25,000 or more.

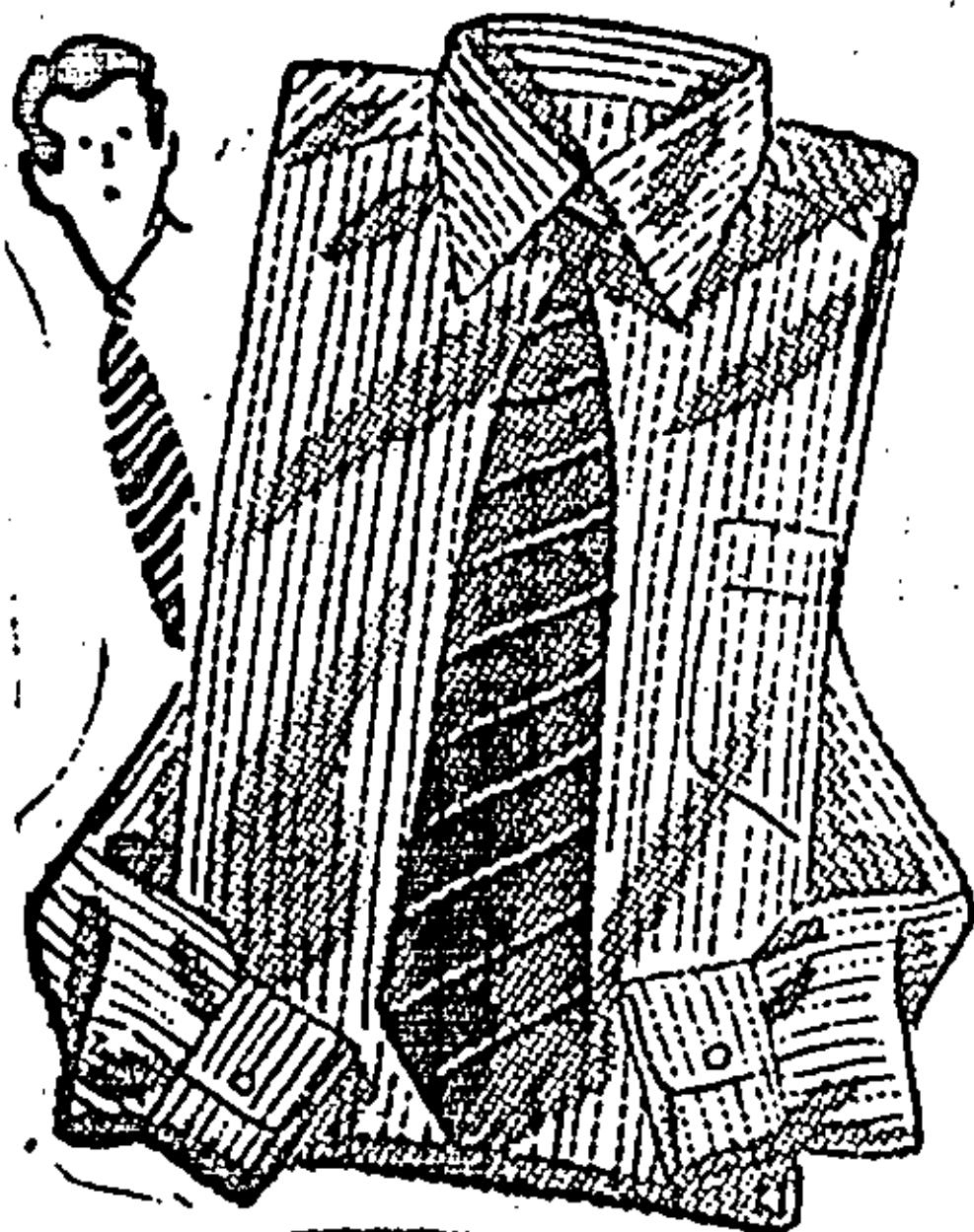
To-day, the Regular Army is 240,000 men, but a year from now it will be 375,000, plus the National Guard, he said.—Reuter.

*** The strength of the National Guard is normally around 14,000 officers and 179,000 other ranks.

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